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Clark blasts USSR over rights record

By JANICE ARNOLD, RON CSILLAG & wire services

Canada's external affairs minister, Joe Clark, last week told the Vienna Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe that the continued jailing of dissidents in the Soviet Union and the denial of visas to those wanting to emigrate are major obstacles to easing East-West tensions.

In a surprisingly vigorous attack on the Soviets' human rights record, Clark told the start of the Vienna conference to review compliance with the 1975 Helsinki Accords that the West wants action, not just words, from the kremlin.

Human rights in general and Soviet Jewry in particular have emerged as key issues and stumbling blocks at the conference — the third major session to review compliance with the Helsinki Final Act since the declaration was signed 11 years ago by 35 nations, including the Soviets.

The first review was held in 1978 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia and lasted eight months; the second, in Madrid, dragged on for three years. Both nearly collapsed over Western insistence on discussing Soviet failure to live up to its human rights promises.

In his sharply-worded opening speech, Clark, speaking to delegates immediately after Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, accused the Soviets of numerous human rights violations and criticized their continued involvement in Afghanistan.

Without mentioning the Soviet Union by name, Clark said Canada "cannot forget that one participating state (at the conference) has, over the past seven years, violated virtually all principles guiding relations between states by its continuing military intervention in Afghanistan.

Joe Clark

"Some participating countries have also rewarded with imprisonment, exile and other forms of punishment people whose only real crime seems to have been that they believed we all meant what we said in 1975 about respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms.

"In some countries, thousands of people remain prevented from having regular family contact with members of their family in other countries, regular access to culture and information from outside or, should they choose to do so, the opportunity to leave their country."

At a press conference later, Clark said "so far, we have seen dramatic changes in style but not much more.

"They must know that they will suffer seriously if they raise expectations excessively, then fail to meet them."

Clark said Canada would consider a similar conference in Moscow only if the Soviets' stance on human rights "had changed and changed significantly."

In a telephone interview from Vienna, Barbara Stern, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress's Soviet Jewry Committee, told The CJN there is a more "relaxed atmosphere" at the conference than at previous CSCE gatherings.

"It's a complete departure from Madrid," said Stern. "The Soviets are making themselves accessible. There's no question that there seems to be an improved tone."

Stern said Clark "covered all the bases" in his speech. "He's been just great."

She added that the major difference between this conference and previous ones is that the Soviets aren't walking out.

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Chirac: "devoid of foundation"

Israeli plot claim denied

PARIS (JTA) —

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac is attempting to defuse political scandal and possible domestic crisis touched off by his alleged remark to an American journalist that Israel rather than Syria was implicated in the attempt to smuggle explosives aboard an El Al airliner at London's Heathrow Airport last April 17.

According to Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor of The Washington Times which published the story Friday, Chirac attributed that version of events to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher in conversation at a meeting of the European Economic Community (EEC) Council of Ministers in Luxembourg last month.

Chirac's office issued a statement Friday saying that "the interpretation given to his comments" to Borchgrave "is devoid of foundation." It was noted immediately here and abroad that Chirac's statement fell short of a denial.

The West Germans reacted angrily and an Israeli official said he was "staggered" by the "unbelievable, ridiculous" story. Borchgrave said on French television Saturday that if the French "call me a liar" his newspaper would print the full transcript of his taped interview with Chirac.

Reinhard Bettzuege, spokesman for the foreign ministry in Bonn, said: "This story is pure invention which we totally, clearly and unequivocably deny." Earlier, Friedhelm Ost, a spokesman for Kohl, said: "Aside from the fact that we are consulting Chirac, the West German government has never had such information (regarding the airliner bomb attempt) and therefore could never have given such information to the French government."

At a meeting with French Jewish community leaders here Sunday night, scheduled long before the Washington Times story appeared, Chirac avoided the subject and was not pressed.

At the Luxembourg meeting in question, British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe urged Britain's EEC partners to take strong measures against Syria for its alleged involvement in international terrorism.

Britain broke diplomatic relations with Damascus, charging that the Syrian ambassador in London and his staff acted in collusion with Nezar Hindawi, the Jordanian national convicted of the El Al bomb attempt and sentenced to 45 years in prison.

Mossad blamed in affair

According to the Washington Times report, Chirac "pooh-poohed" the evidence against Syria, submitted by Britain at the EEC meeting. He allegedly told Borchgrave that he did not know the real truth but that Kohl and Genscher told him Syria was not involved in the bomb plot, though Israel's secret service Mossad may have masterminded the whole affair with the help of Syrian dissidents who wanted to discredit President Hafez Assad and bring down his government.

Borchgrave said Chirac asked not to be quoted directly on this matter but agreed to have his remarks paraphrased.

Chirac's own party, the neo-Gaullist Rally for the Republic (RPR), and the opposition Socialist Party took the prime minister to task over the weekend for having been at best naive to put himself and his government in an embarrassing position. Officials close to Chirac said he may have been entrapped by Borchgrave, a hardline conservative whom he believed mistakenly to represent The Washington Post. The Washington Times is a rightwing newspaper owned by The Rev. Sun Yong Moon.

Since his election victory over the Socialists last March 15, Chirac has tried to improve his relations with Israel and with French Jews. His reception by Jewish leaders here Sunday night was decidedly lukewarm.

Rabbinate approves heart transplants

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM —

A ruling last week by the Chief Rabbinate Council cleared the way for heart transplant operations in Israel. It came after weeks of discussion between the 12-man council and a panel of physicians which focused on the definition of death as applied to the heart donor.

Although the rabbis had long insisted that death occurs only when the heart stops beating, they have now apparently accepted the medical definition that death is signaled when the brain ceases to function. They set stringent conditions, however.

According to the rabbis, the part of the brain that controls breathing must be moribund for 12 hours before the donor's heart can be removed.

Doctors at Hadassah Medical Center, which says it is fully qualified and equipped to perform heart transplants, hailed the Rabbinate position.

They said a heartbeat can be maintained by artificial means for 12 hours after breathing ceases, assuring that a healthy, blood-nourished heart will be available for transplant. Another condition requires consent of the donor or next of kin and the concurrence of a panel of doctors which must include at least one Orthodox physician.

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Vanunu detained, Jerusalem says

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The government acknowledged Sunday that Mordechai Vanunu, a former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility reported missing from London Oct. 1, is being held "under lawful detention" in Israel.

The statement emphatically denied that he was kidnapped by Israeli agents and brought to Israel against his will. It did not say, however, how he came to Israel or when. Vanunu disappeared shortly after he gave a story to a British newspaper that Israel has built up an arsenal of nuclear weapons over the last 20 years.

The statement said Vanunu was ordered detained by a court following a hearing at which he was represented by counsel. It did not specify charges against him. Vanunu, 31, a recent convert to Christianity, is believed to have leftwing, pro-Arab sympathies (CJN Nov. 6).

Several cancer victims are allowed to emigrate

By JTA and UPI

There was some good news last week for several Soviet Jewish cancer sufferers.

The longest waiting Refusenik in the world landed at Kennedy airport in New York with his wife, the first Soviet cancer patient to be allowed to seek treatment in the United States.

Benjamin Bogomolny, 40, who had been waiting to emigrate for 20 years and his wife Tanya, who has breast cancer, were greeted at the airport by Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D.-New Jersey) and Dr. Bruce Gingold, a surgeon from Caldwell, NJ. Both men had petitioned the Soviets to allow the couple to emigrate.

Mrs. Bogomolny, 47, said she received chemotherapy in Moscow but has not received any treatment since June. "I hope I will get outpatient treatment in San Francisco and won't have to go into a hospital," she said. "I hope so because I am scared."

It is not known yet whether the Bogomonlys will visit Montreal, where Benjamin has a sister and where Montreal General Hospital oncologist Dr. Gerald Batist spearheaded a drive to convince the Soviets that Tanya needs treatment in the West.

The couple will go to San Francisco where Tanya's father and sister have lived since emigrating from the Soviet Union six years ago.

Also in New York last week, former Refusenik David Goldfarb underwent a 4-hour lung cancer operation which his son Alex described as successful.

David Goldfarb, 67, was released suddenly from the Soviet Union last month upon the personal intervention of U.S. industrialist Armand Hammer. He was flown immediately to the United States with his wife Cecilia.

In Moscow meantime, Goldfarb's daughter, Olga, has been reportedly told by Soviet authorities to apply for an emergency exit visa to visit her father.

And in Tel Aviv, Michael Shirman, who has terminal leukemia, will undergo a bone marrow transplant at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem this week if tests show that the tissues of his sister, Inessa Flerova, are compatible. The transplant is Shirman's only hope.

Flerova arrived in Israel last week with her husband and two children. The family was granted exit visas after a desperate campaign to allow her to donate her bone marrow to her brother, whom she had not seen in six years.

Shirman had been given a month to live if he did not get a transplant.

PROUD PARENTS

Natan and Avital Scharansky, seen here chatting in the kitchen of their Jerusalem apartment, are now the proud parents of a baby daughter, who was born last week and named Rahel. She was named for a sister of her paternal grandmother, Ida Milgrom. Natan was allowed to leave Soviet Russia last February. [Relgious News Service photo]

World-National

West German mini-series perplexes

By
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Mini-series on television are quite the thing these days, but I rarely catch all the segments even when I'm interested. No matter, there aren't really that many first class shows I want to see and there's always a chance to tape them (although I belong to that statistically proven majority who, once they have taped a show, rarely if ever look at it).

Rabbi Plaut

If this goes for a series of three or four segments, what is one to say of 11! For that was the length of *Heimat* (home), the story of a little German village and its inhabitants from pre-Hitler days to the present. I had heard much about it, and since I am naturally interested in the way Germans look at themselves and their past I made it a point to see at least a part of the series.

The first thing that struck me was the low key of the presentation. Director Edgar Reitz has chosen the little village of Schabbach (an invented name) in western Germany and has told the everyday tale of its small community and especially of the Simon family: its children and grown-ups, its loves and hates, its interpersonal tensions, its sicknesses and deaths — in other words, the tale of a typical village, removed from the big world. No large events happen here, and when war comes it is experienced primarily through the absence of draft age men and then, by and by, through telegrams that announce the death of a villager. "Fell at the Russian front in the service of the fuehrer" takes only a moment to say, but in Schabbach there is a family bereft of husband or son. And it doesn't help much that other families soon join the lengthening parade of mourners.

Heimat is the portrait of little people in their everyday setting. Great events in the world have only an occasional effect on Schabbachers. But of course there is more.

There is the presence of Nazism and its effect on the village. A young arrogant drill master of adults and children represents its native phase. In a way he is presented as an outside intrusion (even though he himself is from Schabbach) and this cannot help but raise questions in the mind of the viewer. Did Reitz want to present Nazism as a kind of "outside force" which did not represent the average people?

Or does the director want to emphasize the villagers' silent acceptance of the regime and everything that went with it? For accept it they did, and in the end became its hostages.

No Jews lived in Schabbach and hence they are absent from the film. What happens to them is only occasionally and obliquely referred to. Needless to say, this too bothered me.

And German reviews? They emphasize that the impact of the series lies precisely in the Schabbachers' silence vis-a-vis the Nazi regime and its policies. Today's viewers are made to see that Germans of the 30s and 40s considered the Hitler period normal and not abnormal.

Director Reitz put it a little different. In an interview with the Belgian-Jewish journal Regards he said: "The Germans took part in these events and at the same time they didn't. . . . They chose to remain blind to certain of its manifestations, and this is what I wanted to underscore."

The series drew an enormous portion of the German viewing public to what was, according to some, "a therapeutic experience." Regards counseled its Jewish readers to watch it all the way, to the end. I couldn't.

U.S. soldiers going to Sinai

TEL AVIV (JTA) — U.S. military aircraft will land 800 American soldiers in Israel later this month to bring the American contingent of the United Nations peace observer force in Sinai up to full strength. Military transports are being used for the first time because of the crash of a chartered civilian plane over Newfoundland last December which killed 248 marines on their way home from duty in Sinai.

Military attache keeps low profile

By
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WASHINGTON — Gen. Amos Yaron, the Israeli embassy's military attache in Washington, says he has so far encountered "no problems" in dealing with U.S. officials since arriving in Washington last summer.

But Yaron, during a telephone interview with this reporter, refused to comment directly on reports that suggested that the U.S. was irritated by his appointment because of his "indirect" role in the Sabra and Shatilla massacres.

Secretary of State George Shultz raised the issue of Yaron's appointment with Shimon Peres during his recent visit to Washington. Earlier, the state department had reportedly expressed concern over Yaron to the Israeli embassy's number two diplomat, Eli Rubinstein.

Yaron had served as commander of the Israeli forces in Beirut at the time of the massacres in September 1982. In the aftermath of Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel's assassination, Lebanese Christian forces were allowed by Yaron to go into the Palestinian refugee camps despite fears of a potential massacre.

The subsequent Kahan Commission of Inquiry concluded that Yaron, then-Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, then-Chief of Staff Rafel Eitan and other Israeli officials should have been more diligent in suspecting a massacre. As a result, they had to share "indirect" responsibility, the Kahan report said.

As a form of punishment, Yaron was prevented from assuming a command post for two years. Earlier this year, however, he was tapped for the important post in Washington, replacing Gen. Uri Simchoni.

Israeli embassy spokesman Yossi Gal confirmed that the matter of Yaron's appointment in Washington was raised by the Americans. Gal said the issue has since been "settled" and noted that Yaron will continue to serve as military attache. He declined to discuss additional details.

Israeli sources in Washington denied suggestions that Yaron's term of duty at the embassy would be shortened because of the dispute. They said that Shultz had raised the matter with Peres because of all sorts of pressures on the U.S. coming from the Arabs and their supporters.

Yaron's initial appointment had received extensive publicity in The New York Times, The Washington Post and other U.S. newspapers. This in turn is said to have resulted in the issue's reaching the Shultz-Peres level of exchange.

Pentagon officials said that they were working well with Yaron. "We have no problem with him," one top U.S. defence department source said.

Peres, when confronted by Shultz, is said to have complained that the U.S. should have made its views about Yaron known earlier, before the appointment had been made.

State department sources said only that the U.S. has "accepted" Yaron as military attache. "He's doing business here," one official said, refusing to say whether Shultz had raised the issue with Peres.

There was some speculation that Yaron might be "promoted" in the coming months to a senior IDF position, thereby enabling him to leave Washington as part of a face-saving formula. But that could not be confirmed.

Yaron, for his part, was trying to take a low profile. He denied any intention of returning home in the near future. "I don't want to react right now," he said. "Maybe I will later."

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The Reagan administration, meanwhile, is divided over Israel's proposed sale of Kfir jet fighters to Honduras, authoritative U.S. officials have disclosed.

Israel Aircraft Industries has won a tentative contract from the Central American country for the Kfirs but the U.S. treasury department is still refusing to sign-off on the sale, the officials said.

Because the Kfir is powered by an American-made jet engine, the U.S. has veto power over all exports. Early in the Reagan administration, the U.S. approved the sale of 12 Kfirs to Ecuador.

As a result of that sale, Israel had anticipated no serious problems surfacing in Washington in connection with the new one to Honduras.

The sale is very important for IAI, which has been working on the contract for several years. There was no disclosure of the exact number of Kfirs involved.

According to U.S. officials, the Pentagon and the state department have not opposed the Kfir sale. They have recognized that the transaction would help both Israel and Honduras.

But U.S. treasury officials are opposing the use of U.S. foreign military sales credits by Honduras for payment of the American components of the Kfirs, such as the jet engines. They apparently are also concerned that the sale would effectively kill a potential deal with Honduras by an American aircraft company. Some U.S. firms have reportedly expressed an interest in selling war planes to Honduras.

U.S. officials said the final policy decision on whether to approve an upgrading of the Honduras Air Force would have to come before the National Security Council. They predicted that the chances were good that Treasury's opposition would not be rejected, and that the sale eventually would go through. They cited the positions taken by the Pentagon and the state department. "But that's going to take some more time," a U.S. source said.

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In a related development, a senior Israeli defence ministry official has formally participated in the Pentagon's steering committee looking into possible alternatives to the development of the Lavi jet fighter, U.S. officials said.

They described this as an "unprecedented" development in U.S.-Israeli military relations.

In recent months, they said, the head of the Israeli defence ministry's purchasing mission in New York, Avraham Ben-Yosef, has taken part in several inter-agency meetings on the Lavi at the Pentagon.

Those sessions are chaired by the deputy under-secretary of defence for policy and resources, Dov Zakheim, who earlier this year completed a Pentagon study showing that the Lavi would cost Israel considerably more than Israel Aircraft Industries has projected.

By December, Zakheim and his group are expected to submit to Israel a formal set of proposals aimed at convincing Israel to drop its planned production of 300 Lavi's over the next 20 years. The Pentagon remains convinced that the Lavi program is simply too expensive for Israel.

Instead, the U.S. would like Israel to consider alternatives, such as the possible co-production in Israel of a new plane consisting of an F-16 aircraft with Lavi-inspired avionics.

Zakheim's group has reportedly been considering various other proposals which would be attractive to Israeli officials.

For example, the U.S. could theoretically include in a new package the release of highly-classified technology involving the Stealth bomber, which is invisible to enemy radar. While the Lavi's avionics and electronics are considered to be state-of-the-art, the plane's basic airframe is not.

Thus, the alternative study could prove to be so attractive to the Israeli Air Force that existing plans for the development of the Lavi might in the end be dropped.

Tennessee education decision lowers religious tolerance

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON — There is a joke in which a psychiatrist draws pictures for a boy and asks him what he sees. The first picture is nothing but dots and the boy says it's ants having sex. The second is of two crossed lines and the boy says he sees worms having sex. "You know, you have sex on the mind," the psychiatrist says. "What do you expect, when you show me these dirty pictures?" asks the boy.

Something similar to this has happened in Tennessee — only it is no joke. There, a group of fundamentalist parents sued the state, saying that certain school texts were "anti-Christian" or promoted secular humanism. Like the boy, they saw what they wanted to see everywhere: in a passage from the stage adaptation of Anne Frank's diary, in an explanation of the formation of tidal waves; and even in a description of the genius of Leonardo da Vinci. His sort of creativity, they said, was limited to God alone.

When it came to The Diary of a Young Girl, the plaintiffs showed that they fully understood the importance of the book. It is frequently described as plea for religious tolerance and it was precisely on that basis that the fundamentalist parents rejected it. "We can not be tolerant in that we accept other religious views on an equal basis of ours," said one of the plaintiffs, Vicki Frost.

Frost's argument, if it can be called that, carried the day. A federal judge ruled that children whose parents objected to this and similar readings could be excused to read on their own. What applies to Anne Frank applies also to readings having to do with evolution, pacifism, feminism, sex education and, it seems, just about anything that fails to mention God — and then only in an approved way.

The judge was faced with an age-old American dilemma: how to reconcile the needs of the secular state with the religious convictions of its citizens. It takes a heap of tortured reasoning to find the sweet, lachrymose Anne Frank objectionable, but clearly some people do. The beliefs of the Tennessee parents may be bizarre, but to them they are no more bizarre than others. In fact, they consider their beliefs correct, not to mention superior. Their obligation is to raise their kids accordingly.

But whatever the obligation of the parents, the government has one, too. It is to provide an education — everything from the three Rs to the teaching of certain values. Maybe foremost among those values is tolerance. In a polyglot society such as ours, tolerance is not a dreamy aspiration but a real necessity. Without religious tolerance — the gift of the Enlightment to our Constitution — we would all be at each other's throats.

The parents have certain options. One of them is to take their children out of the public schools and have them educated according to their own beliefs. Another is to use the church and the home to inculcate religious values and to leave the schools free to do their own thing. This is done all the time and explains why, even though the public schools are secular and neutral when it comes to religion, the public itself is not.

The Tennessee judge, rather than finding the obligation of the schools and that of the parents to be irreconcilable, caved in to the parents. In permitting kids to be excused from certain readings, he rendered the government neutral in the contest between knowledge and ignorance. Evolution is a scientific theory with several hundred million years of evidence to back it up; Leonardo da Vinci was a creative genius; Anne Frank's diary is a moving plea for tolerance, and tolerance itself is a foremost civic obligation.

Public schools have no business participating in a process that would lead kids to believe otherwise. Their duty is to educate, to offer a palette of knowledge from which students can choose. Let the parents impart their own views, but let schools do what schools should — educate.

Now, in a decision that both the plaintiffs and their opponents say might have a wide impact, the schools have been ordered to lend their authority to the propagation of ignorance: You can learn evolution or not; you can learn religious tolerance or not; you can learn about the cause of tidal waves or not.

You can, in short, become educated or not — pending the usual appeal, of course — and go off into the world unsuited either to live in it or contribute to it. The issue, we are told, is religious rights. Yes, but it has been settled in a way that changes it: Now it's child abuse.

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Organization turns attention to Western countries

ORT is interested in opening Canadian school

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

ORT, the huge network of technical and vocational schools that has been educating Jewish students in even the remotest parts of the world for over a century, is interested in opening a school in Canada, says the director-general of the London-based World ORT Union.

Joseph Harmatz, who was in Montreal to address the Women's Canadian ORT biennial convention, said in an interview that ORT is turning its attention more to developed western countries and Canada would be an attractive site.

ORT already has a longstanding relationship with this country through the Canadian International Development Agency, CIDA provides matching grants for all dollars raised in Canada for ORT projects in the Third World, and the two groups have several joint projects in Latin America and Africa today.

ORT opened a new school in Los Angeles 1½ years ago in a former Jewish day school that had closed because of poor enrolment. The school, which was attached to a synagogue, was refurbished by ORT and currently has 120 students following a post-secondary technical curriculum.

ORT also launched new educational programs in London and Brussels, and just recently signed an agreement with the government to begin a training program for technical teachers in Holland, he said. Next month, Harmatz expects to finalize plans for a similar program in Sweden.

Interest on the part of the local ORT organizations and approval of the government are the main determinants in whether ORT will establish itself in Canada or elsewhere, said Harmatz.

(There has been an effort going back several years to get accredition from the education ministry to open an ORT school in Quebec, said Canadian ORT's Montreal director Arch Crystal. "Many of the ORT alumni living here are interested," he said.

"There is a need for this type of school in Quebec." So far, the ministry has not given its approval.)

Harmatz said a presence in technologically advanced countries is beneficial to ORT as well. "We also can learn."

ORT used to stand for the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training. Its full name is now Organization for Educational Research and Technological Training — a reflection of its emphasis today on graduating persons who can fill jobs in advanced technology industries.

Over the last six years (the time between its congresses), the number of students in ORT schools and programs increased by 59%, from 99,300 in 1980 to 157,900 in 1986 in 48 countries. In that time, there were close to 228,000 graduates.

Although its schools have been closed in Iran and Ethiopia, new ones have been opened, the largest number in South America and Africa. Israel has 106 ORT schools.

ORT calls itself the world's largest non-governmental vocational and technical education resource.

That is changing though. Harmatz said ORT recognizes that the day is not far off when the high-tech job market will be saturated, and the pace of technology will make many skills learned today outdated. Service industries will likely offer the most career oportunities in the future, and ORT is now looking at offering courses in these fields. Overall, ORT is aiming to give its students a less specialized, more well-rounded education that will later on allow them to adjust more easily to demands for different job skills.

At the same time, ORT plans to strengthen the Jewish component of its curricula. Outside of Africa, the majority of its students are Jewish, he said.

Community groups opening doors

Reitman: Women finally get power

MONTREAL —

Dorothy Reitman recalls that when she sought a Canadian Jewish Congress officer position less than a decade ago, the only woman in the running, her male opponent patronizingly described her as a "wonderful woman," then turned to his audience and continued "but this is a year of important issues."

Reitman spoke about those issues and was elected, despite believing she had no chance of winning. Last May, she was elected national president of CJC, the first woman to hold the top office.

Reitman was a member of a panel at the recent Women's Canadian ORT biennial convention on the topic Women and Power. Her success, Reitman indicated, should not camouflage the fact that her story is exceptional in the Canadian Jewish community establishment.

A 1982 survey, commissioned by CJC's status of women committee, found that women are greatly under-represented in the community's decision-making structures, either as professionals or lay people.

Nevertheless, Reitman believes the doors of power are beginning to open for women in community organizations. She advised that women attempt to get involved in such key areas as the nominating and personnel committees, which are responsible for the selection and hiring of the organization's officers and staff.

Women, however, will have to have the motivation and courage to assume positions of responsibility in the community, she added.

Another panelist put forward a similar challenge to Jewish women to infiltrate the boards of synagogues and other religious institutions, virtual male preserves, especially in the Orthodox community.

Hanna Eliashiv, Hebrew studies director for Montreal's United Talmud Torahs, said men, who control the interpretation of halacha, have come up with all kinds of gratuitous reasons as "excuses for limiting women's participation" in Judaism.

"There is no religious reason, for example, that prevents a woman from sitting on a synagogue board," said Eliashiv. "Jewish women have been systematically excluded from decisions in Judaism that have a direct bearing on their lives . . . Judaism stresses social justice, but it has a limited view."

Abba Eban to address CIC dinner for MPs

OTTAWA —

Abba Eban, the veteran Israeli diplomat and political figure, will give the keynote address at the Canada-Israel Committee's annual dinner here for members of Parliament on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

Eban has enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a member of Israel's diplomatic corps and a cabinet minister in several Labor-led governments. He is currently chairman of the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee, the Israeli parliament's senior committee.

The annual parliamentary dinner culminates a 1½ day conference designed to inform the leaders and the members of the Jewish community on the state of Canada-Israel relations and on Middle Eastern issues.

Abba Eban

The conference is also the forum in which spokesmen for the federal government and leading figures of the national political parties present their positions on the Middle East.

External Affairs Minister Joe Clark will speak on behalf of the government on Nov. 26. Liberal MP Hon. Lloyd Axworthy will offer his party's position Nov. 25, while New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent will give his party's policy Nov. 26.

New BB V-P to air Maritimes' concerns

TORONTO —

The concerns of the Jewish community in Maritime Canada will now be more effectively represented on a national level with the election of Barnard Vigod as a national vice-president of B'nai B'rith Canada, the organization says.

Vigod is a professor of history at the University of New Brunswick and has received his education at Queen's University. He is a graduate of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization program in Winnipeg and the Hillel Foundation program at the University of Manitoba.

Vigod has been a president of Fredericton Lodge, a member of the board of governors of B'nai B'rith, a vice-chairman of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, a member of the national cabinet of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith, a member of the Social Science Humanities Research Council of Canada, and coordinator of French language policy at the University of New Brunswick.

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Living Halacha

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RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Why do the Orthodox men wear black suits and black hats? — Irving Green, Toronto

Not all Orthodox Jews wear black clothing. Most of those who are called ultra-Orthodox Jews, however, and that includes chassidic groups as well as yeshiva people, do.

Rabbi Burak

It certainly sets them apart, and makes them look distinguished. Some other faith groups, outside of ours, also wear black exclusively, as you will see when you study the picture on a box of Quaker oats.

Psychologists, however, suggest that as we grow older we should wear brighter colors. An old man, when he puts on a red suit, will feel young again, and will forget about his rheumatism and other aches. His whole attitude on life will be changed.

If that is so, it could be permitted without any hesitation, for reasons of health. As the father of two distinguished doctors, you are the right man to make the experiment, and have them monitor it. The Talmud suggests that men didn't always wear black. Even on Saturday they wore brightly colored clothes. . . .

In Tractate Shabbes, 147A, Rav Huna states that, "If one shakes out his clothes on the Sabbath (according to Rashi it's done to get the dust out, but Tosfos holds that it's being done to shake off the dew) he is liable to bring a sin offering.

"Now, we said this only for new ones, but in the case of old ones we have nought against it. And this is said only of black ones, but in the case of white or red ones we have nought against it." This gemarra is quoted by the Panim Me'iros as proof that it's good form to wear a white uniform on Shabbes.

But, it's the red clothing the gemarra mentions, that this writer finds even more interesting. Imagine a man wearing a red suit in shul on Shabbes. This has the gemarra's approval. According to Rashi, in Tractate Menachos, 41B, there were even some red talleisim around in the days of the Talmud. However, Rashi, in Menachos, 38B, does say that most of the talleisim were white.

Having seen these texts, it's a surprise to find the other side of the question. The Code, Y.D. Chapter 178:1, states clearly that red clothing is n** for Jews. The Code's classic commentary, the Shach, in note 3, tells us that black clothes are "the way of modesty and humility." Red clothes are for idolators.

Much to mourn

Though the following Talmudic text might well have been cited as proof for the Code's position that red is for idolators, it was not. Let's see what you think of it. In Berachos, 20A, we read that "There was the case of Rav Adda bar Ahava who saw a heathen woman wearing a red mantle on the street, and thinking she was an Israelite woman, he rose and tore it from her. It turned out that she was a heathen woman, and they fined him four hundred zuz."

In these days when we claim to remember the Holocaust, and the tragic loss of six million Jews, there is yet another reason for us to eschew brightly colored clothes, and wear only black. We are duty bound to mourn the loss of the noblest and the finest of our people.

Centuries after Jerusalem was destroyed, we are told of one who mourned the tragedy, and here is the way it is given in Tractate Baba Kamma, 59B: "Eliezer Ze'era once put on a pair of black shoes (with black laces) and stood in the market place of Nehardea. When the attendants of the house of the Exilarch met him . . . (and asked questions) he answered, 'I am mourning for Jerusalem.' "

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LaRouche candidates' score: 0

All Jewish incumbents re-elected

WASHINGTON (JTA) — All Jewish incumbents seeking re-election to the Senate and House won in last week's election. In addition one Jewish newcomer was elected to the House, Benjamin Cardin, of Maryland, a Democrat.

This keeps the number of Jews in the Senate at eight, evenly split between Democrats and Republicans. In the House the number of Jews in the 100th Congress will be 29, one less than at present because two incumbents gave up their House seats to make unsuccessful bids for the Senate.

Rep. Ken Kramer (R.Col.) was defeated by Rep. Timothy Wirth (D.Col.) for the Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Gary Hart. Rep. Bobbi Fiedler (R.Cal.) lost earlier in the year in the California Republican primary election for the Senate.

However, the number of Jews in the House could still be 30 next year depending on what happens in New York's 27th congressional district where Rosemary Pooler, a Democrat and active in the Syracuse Jewish community, is locked in a close race with Rep. George Wortley (R.NY). The outcome is expected to depend on absentee ballots.

Among several Jews who failed to win House seats was Bella Abzug who in 1970 was the first Jewish woman elected to the House. A Democrat, she served three terms in the House, representing a Manhattan district. But running in Westchester, Abzug failed to unseat Rep. Joseph DioGuardi, a Republican, elected to his second term.

If Pooler is elected the House will again have three Jewish women. The two incumbents are Reps. Barbara Boxer and Sala Burton (both D.Cal.).

In the Senate races, Missouri Lieutenant-Governor Harriet Woods, a Democrat, lost in her second attempt to become the first Jewish woman elected to the Senate. She was defeated by former Governor Christopher Bond, a Republican, for the seat being vacated by Sen. Thomas Eagleton (D.Mo.).

Two other Jews running for the Senate also lost. Kramer and Mark Green, a Democrat, who failed to upset Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R.NY).

The two Jewish senators re-elected were: Sens. Arlen Specter (R.Pa.) and Warren Rudman (R.Ut.).

Meanwhile with the House remaining under Democratic control and the Democrats taking over the Senate by a 55-45 margin, little change is expected in the strong support for Israel and Soviet Jewry in Congress. However, church-state and other social issues sought by the Reagan administration and viewed as dangerous by the Jewish community, would appear to have little chance of passage during the next two years.

In other results, one Jew was elected governor while the nation's only incumbent Jewish governor was still in doubt whether she had won re-election. Both are Democrats.

Neil Goldschmidt, former mayor of Portland and secretary of transportation in the Carter administration, was elected governor of Oregon. But Madeleine Junin, seeking her second term as governor of Vermont, received the largest number of votes but apparently failed to win the 50% majority required by the Vermont constitution. This means the decision will be left to the Republican-controlled legislature.

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None of the 13 candidates affiliated with the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC) headed by extremist Lyndon LaRouche succeeded in bids for state and federal offices but some made strong showings in Texas and Illinois races for the U.S. House of Representatives. The NDPC fielded candidates in both Republican and Democratic races in eight states.

LaRouche's organization had been labeled anti-semitic by Jewish organizations. LaRouche himself, a 3-time presidential candidate, has called Queen Elizabeth II a drug trafficker, Henry Kissinger a Soviet agent, warns of a collapse of the banking system and supports legislation to quarantine AIDS victims.

Despite an intensive campaign by the Democratic Party to expose LaRouche's ideology, the party suffered from LaRouche candidate victories in Democratic primaries. Erwin Suall, director of research for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, tracked the LaRouche group's performance in the primaries as well as the elections.

Suall said: "The better they're known, the more they're disliked," indicating that the campaign to expose the LaRouche organization's beliefs had been successful.

Suall said the substantial support for some of the LaRouche candidates in Texas and Illinois was due to the fact that many people vote habitually on party lines and probably had no knowledge that some of the candidates on the Democratic ticket in their states supported LaRouche.

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Right-wing fringe group

CJC, BB monitor Alternative Forum's tour

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Both Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights closely monitored the recent cross-country tour of Alternative Forum, a right-wing fringe group that reportedly has associations with other more extreme organizations.

The tour began on Oct. 20 in Chilliwack, B.C. and concluded in Ottawa on Nov. 3. In between, Alternative Forum held meetings in Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal, as well as at other smaller centres.

About 15 demonstrators picketed in front of the Holiday Inn in downtown Toronto Nov. 1, on the afternoon the group convened at the hotel. Several witnesses said they saw convicted Holocaust falsifier Ernst Zundel attend the meeting. BB and CJC have confirmed that Zundel was there but that he didn't make any speeches.

In Montreal, Alternative Forum met at the Ramada Inn on Guy St. on Nov. 2.

In Toronto, the protesters tried unsuccesfully to persuade the management of the downtown Holiday Inn to cancel the meeting. The hotel apparently refused, saying the group was entitled to the space because it had paid for it.

In Winnipeg however, protesters at the Ramada Inn on Pembina Highway were successful in getting the hotel to cancel the group's meeting, scheduled for Oct. 29.

Manuel Prutschi of CJC's community relations department told The CJN the group causes him some concern.

Prutschi said that while Alternative Forum is not in itself a dangerous or violent group, some of its members have associations with extreme right-wing organizations.

CJC said the group operates on the radical right of the Canadian political spectrum and has a wide assortment of members, including Ron Gostick, head of the Canadian League of Rights and the Canadian Intelligence Service, both based in Flesherton, Ont., and Paul Fromme, head of the Canadian Association of Freedom of Expression and the co-founder of the Edmund Burke Society, which eventually became the neo-Nazi Western Guard Party.

The keynote speaker at all these meetings was British pseudo-historian David Irving, the author of Hitler's War, a book that argues Hitler knew nothing of the Holocaust and was actually a benign leader. Irving's work is held in disrepute in virtually all academic circles, CJC said.

BB says Irving has been associated with various groups that deny the Holocaust took place.

Alan Shefman of BB's League for Human Rights told The CJN the meetings were closely monitored by B'nai B'rith. He said about 50 people attended the Toronto gathering of Alternative Forum.

The purpose of these meetings, Shefman explained, is to raise awareness and funds for the group through the sale of its literature, which espouses freedom of speech, questions the Holocaust and warns of international conspiracies.

Israeli feminist and educator:

Women facing "major challenge"

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Jewish women face "a major challenge" in altering the ancient biblical division of labor and obtaining full and equal partnership with men.

That's the view of Israeli feminist Dr. Alice Shalvi, principal of the Pelech Religious Experimental High School for Girls in Israel.

To meet that challenge and guarantee equal access to positions of authority and responsibility, women must affirm they are as competent as men and can do anything men can. They must "forward their candidacy for every job across the slate."

They must support each other in their candidacies so that women in positions of power and authority become role models for other, younger women and girls. And they must continue to "assert the feminist" — the belief and practice of equality of opportunity and rewards irrespective of gender.

Speaking recently before about 250 women and a smattering of men at a Jewish Women's Federation program, Shalvi elicited an enthusiastic response for her program of social activism to alter long-standing patterns of behavior. She was joined in a discussion of the topic by Canadian Jewish Congress president Dorothy Reitman and University of Toronto lecturer Hadassa Rosenberg. Judge Rosalie Silberman Abella acted as moderator of the panel.

Saying the traditional childrearing function for women and the breadwinning job for men has not altered much since Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden, Shalvi called for a change in attitudes in both men and women so their relationships could become true "partnerships.

"We must think in terms of evolution, not revolution," she said. "Education is the key," both in schools and informally in every day activities.

Turning to the religious origins of inequality, she quoted from an article that hypothesized that women were excluded from time-bound mitzvot because they are of a public nature. Since women were expected to be modest, Judaism made it unnecessary for women to enter the public realm.

Under halacha, women are mentioned in the same breath as minors and Canaanite slaves, she said, and the effect, if not the "essence" of halacha is discriminatory.

She pointed to rabbinical courts in Israel whose dayanim (judges) are increasingly coming from ultra-Orthodox yeshivot without general educations. Some, in deciding maintenance awards in divorce settlements, have no idea how much a pair of shoes costs.

She termed the courts "inefficient" and said they failed to apply halachic solutions when they exist: to husbands who refuse to grant a get (Jewish divorce), for example.

Literally hundreds of women in Israel are waiting — some for up to 19 years — for the courts to coerce a get.

In calling for changes to the status quo, she quoted Zionist leader Theodor Herzl that "if you will it, it is not legend."

Reitman, a participant in Jewish communal activities for many years, noted that "to get input, you have to get elected" to top positions. She cited moves in Congress to increase the participation of women in key roles and committees and she called for "the best day care" to enable women to pursue interests outside the home.

In her remarks, Abella noted it should not always be women who must be home when the children return. Husbands can perform those childrearing functions as well, she said.

Rosenberg, a lecturer in archeology and literature, looked back at important women in biblical history such as Rebecca and Deborah, both of whom were "women of their time."

Not only were they tuned to their present, but they served as links to the future. They were able to perform their traditional jobs, but when circumstances demanded it, were able to go beyond those traditional roles and accomplish other tasks that helped preserve the unity and direction of the Jewish people.

Abella noted that feminism is not a "fight against men." Rather it is a "fight to both (men and women) to knock down arbitrary social barriers."

Jerusalem signs SDI agreement

TEL AVIV (JTA) —
Israel signed a contract with the U.S. last week to undertake research on anti-ballistic missile defence systems, a project related to the Reagan administration's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), commonly known as Star Wars.

The contract, reported to be in the neighborhood of U.S. $5.1 million, is the first of its kind entered into by the U.S. with a non-NATO country. It was signed here by David Ivri, director-general of the defence ministry and Gordon Smith, deputy director of the SDI organization.

It's regarded as Israel's first bid for a share in the U.S. $27 billion SDI research allocation, based on the U.S.-Israel memorandum of understanding on strategic cooperation signed by the two countries last May.

Apart from participating in lucrative SDI contracts, Israel has a special interest in anti-ballistic missile research to counter the advance Soviet SS-21 short range missiles reportedly in Syrian hands. The SS-21s are capable of reaching any part of Israel from Syrian territory.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. With what is the Holy Ark's curtain in the synagogue usually ornamented?

2. Who was the first Arab leader to address the Israeli Knesset?

3. Which famous U.S. baseball player refused to play on Yom Kippur?

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. A curtain designed with the two tablets of the law, lions and priestly (blessing) hands.
2. Anwar el-Sadat, the president of Egypt.
3. Sandy Koufax.

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Canadian Reform congregations to honor Baskin

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Temple Anshe Sholom will be honored for his many years of congregational and community service at the biennial convention of the Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations in Montreal, Nov. 14-16.

Entering his 38th year here and asked recently by the board to remain and round out his 40 years with the congregation, Baskin noted that he is probably the longest serving clergyman of a single congregation, Jewish or Christian, in the city.

When he came here from the United States in 1949, Baskin was surprised to find how few Canadian Jews were involved in the general community, in volunteer work or politics.

They were still, he said, "a very withdrawn and very self-isolated community," mostly of East European origin with "their roots still very much closer to tradition," fearful and apprehensive about the general community.

Today, he looks back on years marked by "tremendous changes and transitions," years during which he "witnessed the process of acculturization and Canadianization" of the entire Jewish community and the Jews of Hamilton advance and prosper with it. In that time he says his congregation grew from a membership of about 85 families to approximately 465 families.

The rabbi's influence has spread far beyond his own congregation and he has contributed greatly to the cultural growth of both the wider Jewish community and the community at large. But few will dispute that his most important achievement has been his contribution to interfaith understanding.

Long regarded as the Jewish community's foremost spokesman and interpreter of Jews and Judaism, Baskin is undoubtedly one of the best known Jews in the Hamilton area.

"I came here at a time when the ecumenical process was gradually opening up," he recalled during an interview in his book-lined study at Temple Anshe Sholom. Since then, he said, "many, many Christian groups have come to the Temple" and he has spoken in many churches and to many community organizations and service clubs "... as many as 500 groups."

"This sort of thing is no longer necessary today to the same degree and no longer has the same impact but at that time it was very important. You plant the seeds of greater understanding simply through your involvement as a speaker or in a social setting."

At that time, too, "there were only three Reform congregations in Canada — Hamilton, the oldest, if you take into account the organization of the cemetery," Holy Blossom in Toronto and Temple Emmanu-El in Montreal.

This, Baskin said, was another "indication of the overwhelming East European complexion of Canadian Jewry" to whom, until World War II "Liberal Judaism was simply something out of their ken, never experienced and apt to be regarded with suspicion."

He also found at the time "a very strong socialist, secular outlook" and religious institutions "at a low ebb." Most Jewish activities revolved around Yiddish or socialist and leftist organizations that have almost entirely disappeared today.

"Unfortunately," he added, "because there was a dynamism and idealism about them which is regrettably lost now."

On the other hand, religious institutions gained as a result and Hamilton's three synagogues, "have become the focal point of communal and social activities, to the point where the JCC and other institutions and social activities have lost much of their influence," the rabbi said.

Born in New Jersey, the son of a traditional rabbi who served a large congregation in Brooklyn, Baskin graduated from Brooklyn College with a BA and from the Jewish Institute of Religion with a Master of Hebrew Literature degree. He was ordained by Rabbi Stephen Wise and served in Denver, Cole., and Baton Rouge, La., before coming to Hamilton.

Rabbi Bernard Baskin

He said he is proud to have been the first Jew, in 1969, to receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from McMaster University, and especially proud to have shared that moment with the late Louis Rasminsky, governor of the Bank of Canada, who was awarded an honorary degree at the same time.

"It was some kind of breakthrough," Baskin commented.

The rabbi is widely known for his community work and has received many honors over the years, among them the B'nai B'rith Humanitarian Award for his interfaith activities and the Good Servant Award of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, with which he served as national Jewish chairman.

In 1963 he was named Hamilton's Negev Dinner honoree and in 1972 he was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree by the Hebrew Union College. In 1979 he was chosen Hamilton Big Brother of the year.

Baskin has been reviewing books for The CJN for over 25 years and also regularly contributes book reviews to The Hamilton Spectator. He is a member of the board of governors of McMaster University and sits on the boards of the Hamilton Art Gallery and public library.

His wife Marjorie, whom he met in Denver, is publicity director for the McMaster University faculty of health sciences and a member and former chairman of the Hamilton board of education.

Their eldest daughter, Judith, is an associate professor in Jewish studies at the University of Massachusetts and the mother of the Baskin's two grandchildren; David is a lawyer and investment broker in Toronto and Susan, a former music teacher with the Leo Baeck school, now teaches public school.

Avid book collectors and antiquarians, the Baskins live in a house filled with books and works of art, many of them by the rabbi's brother Leonard, a well known sculptor and illustrator.

Rabbi Baskin said he is fortunate to have had "a very unified congregation with almost no divisiveness and no real battles." He hopes to remain active and has no intention, he declares, "of hanging up my socks."

Hate propaganda law complaint may reopen case of Malcolm Ross

By
RON CSILLAG

MONCTON, NB — The case of Malcolm Ross, the author of booklets alleging a worldwide Jewish conspiracy and denying the Holocaust happened, may be reactivated because of a fresh complaint.

Dr. Julius Israeli, the original complainant in the case, has lodged a new complaint with New Brunswick Attorney-General David Clark, asking that Ross be charged with promoting hatred against Jews.

Israeli argues Ross should be charged under section 281.2 (2) of the Criminal Code, the section dealing with hate propaganda, because of several articles Ross published in local newspapers in New Brunswick recently.

In articles published in the Northumberland News and The Miramichi Leader last month, Ross writes why he publishes his books, where the public can buy them and how he came upon his beliefs.

Israeli believes that is enough to reactivate hate charges against Ross.

Earlier this fall, Clark decided not to charge Ross with promoting hatred against Jews after a year-long investigation by the Moncton police force and the attorney-general's office.

The reason Clark gave was that two of Ross's books did not fall within the definition of hate literature and that a third probably did but was no longer available to the public, having been out of print for five years.

Clark quickly decided to reconsider that decision after several journalists in New Brunswick were able to get copies of the book, *Web of Deceit*, from local libraries. Only a few days later, however, Clark announced his original decision not to charge Ross would stand.

Criticizes extra attention

Clark told The CJN in a telephone interview that the public prosecutor's office is examining Israeli's new complaint.

Clark said "it is unusual" that a complaint be lodged with his office rather than with the police, but that it is "a legitimate" method.

However, Clark added: "My intention is not to carry on a protracted, public debate on whether to charge (Ross) or not to charge. If we do charge him, everyone will find out in the normal way."

Clark told a New Brunswick newspaper late last month that he has no new plans to charge Ross, despite the new complaint.

"We can't prosecute him because he states his intention to continue distributing his books," Clark was quoted as saying. He added there is nothing new to examine and Ross's statements "do not constitute an investigation, nor does it offend the Criminal Code."

Clark added he thought the issue "has received far more attention than it merits. Every time the thing is restoked, it brings attention to something that is unworthy of attention in my opinion.

"The more publicity hatemongers are given, the more encouraged they become about the acceptability of their views."

Clark is quoted as further saying his office has examined the new complaint and that he would look at any other fresh complaints.

In the articles in question, Ross, the Maritime director of the Christian Defence League, writes that his "whole purpose in writing and publishing is to exalt Jesus Christ and to inform Christians about the great Satanic movement which is trying to destroy our Christian faith and civilization.

"I believe that by throwing off this yolk of Jewish domination, we will usher in a period of economic, political and spiritual freedom."

Ross adds that Judaism teaches "that Jesus Christ is a bastard, a lewd deceiver, a false prophet who is burning in hell. It teaches the Virgin Mary is a whore.

"I believe there is an international conspiracy in which the leaders of Jewry are prominent. I believe its purpose is the destruction of our Western Christian civilization and the establishment of a world socialist state which will be subject to Jewish control."

At the end of the article, Ross, 39, says he "most certainly" plans to continue writing and distributing his material and he provides an address from which the books are available.

Marmur to become Reform group head

MONTREAL — Rabbi Dow Marmur, of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple, is due to take over as president of Kadima, the Reform Zionist organization, at the national convention of the Canadian council of Liberal Congregations here this coming weekend.

Marmur will succeed Rabbi Michael Stroh, of Har Zion Temple in Thornhill, Ont., the founding president of Kadima.

Leon King will be stepping down as president of the Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations and will be succeeded by Stan Sandler of Toronto.

The Name Game

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FEUERSTEIN — FIRESTONE

Toronto pharmacist Dick Stein reports that his present surname is an abbreviation of Feuerstein and inquires about its meaning.

Feuerstein in German is a fire stone and refers to flint, a very hard stone, which gives off sparks when struck with iron or steel. This primitive process of ignition is recognized in the cigaret lighter which creates a spark under friction, which, in turn, causes a wick soaked in gasoline to give up a flame. It is, of course, no match for matches.

Firestone is the English equivalent and is not only a familiar surname, but is identified with automobile tires.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

On Cheshvan 13 (Nov. 15 this year) 1939, the Nazi governor of Poland prohibited shechita — ritual slaughter — on humane grounds. The Jewish method of depriving an animal of its life quickly and painlessly was once again misrepresented and condemned.

Biblical tradition places the killing of animals for food as a concession after the Flood to mankind's darker instincts. Gen. 1:29 details fruit, vegetables and herbs as his original diet. The Bible does not make shechita incumbent on non-Jews, who must only refrain from eating a limb torn from a living animal.

Judaism ascribes the regulations of shechita to the Oral Law imparted to Moses on Mount Sinai. Maimonides lists shechita as one of the 613 commandments. In his *Guide to the Perplexed*, he writes: "The commandment concerning the killing of animals . . . enjoins that their death should be as easy and painless as possible." The practice also recalls the Temple sacrifices of yore, implicity endowing the family table with sanctity.

The process of shechita involves the near simultaneous severing of the animal's windpipe, esophagus, and jugular and carotid arteries in a smooth, uninterrupted horizontal cut. The animal's blood spurts out. Unconsciousness is immediate, followed by a rapid death. After an independent inquiry, British physician Lord Horder stated in 1940 that shechita is "fraught with less risk of pain to the animal than any other method practiced at present." His conclusions were echoed by many other authorities.

Stunning rejected

Electrical stunning, often advocated by opponents as a prerequisite to shechita, leaves evidence suggesting internal bodily upheaval: injury to brain and lungs, blood clots, hemorrhaging, and severe muscle spasms. It is rejected by halacha.

For nearly 800 years now, shechita has been a profession licenced on theory and its supervised application, strength of character, and physical ability. The chalaf, the instrument, which looks superficially like a breadknife, reflects the process' perfection. Of the highest grade steel, it is honed to razor sharpness. The blade is also kept scrupulously free of any notch or dent, which would constitute tearing.

The act of shechita is a precise motion. It can be invalidated through the slightest pause; pressing the blade into the throat; having the blade catch behind the esophagus; not cutting in the exact area; or tearing, rather than cutting, the tissue. A nevelah, a permitted animal or fowl that has been improperly slaughtered or died a natural death, is forbidden for Jewish consumption. Similarly forbidden is a treif animal, one found by the bodek (examiner) to have suffered internal or external injuries that would have significantly limited its life, regardless of how these were inflicted.

Hostile scrutiny

The fall of the ghetto walls in Western Europe subjected Jewish practices to ignorant and often hostile scrutiny. The first drive against shechita was launched in Germany during the middle of the 19th century. The first country to ban it was Switzerland, in 1893. It was later prohibited in Norway (1930), Bavaria (also 1930), Nazi Germany (1933), Sweden (1937) and Mussolini's Italy (1938). In Britain, a private member's bill to forbid shechita was defeated in 1968.

In a religion where domestic animals are also required to rest on Shabbat, the appropriatness of eating them at all has been questioned. Some cabbalists disapproved of lifetaking for food; others condoned it as facilitating the release of souls from the prison of the animals' bodies to the next stage of purification.

In his 17th century commentary the Klei Yakar (Precious Vessel), Prague Chief Rabbi Efraim Shlomo writes that the strictures of shechita were designed to discourage meat consumption. "It is far more appropriate for man not to eat meat," he writes. "Perhaps because of the bother and inconvenience of the whole procedure he will be restrained from such a strong and uncontrollable desire for meat."

Israeli shipments with U.S. blessing?

Murky tale of arms to Iran emerges

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The story, if true, is fantastic and t reads like a taut political thriller.

By last week, the story had hit the front pages of major North American newspapers.

In an effort to free American hostages in Lebanon, the U.S. violated its 7-year-old arms embargo against Iran by sending military spare parts to the Iranians. Iran, which has no diplomatc relations with the U.S., is considered by Washington as a nation that practices state terrorism.

Israel, viewed as an illegitimate state by Iran, allegedly participated in the plot.

This murky tale of foreign intrigue began to unfold after David Jacobsen, one of several American hostages imprisoned in Lebanon by Lebanese Shiite radicals, was suddenly released. Jacobsen, an administrator at the American University in Beirut, had been kidnapped 14 months ago.

Two of Jacobsen's fellow hostages, Rev. Lawrence Jenco and Rev. Benjamin Weir, gained their freedom in July and in September of 1985, respectively.

There are still six Americans missing in Lebanon, including Terry Anderson, the chief Middle East correspondent of Associated Press.

After Jacobsen was freed, The Washington Post reported that Robert McFarlane, President Reagan's former national security advisor, had spent the last 14 months trying to negotiate the hostages' release.

Within days of Jacobsen's emotional reunion with his family at an American military base in West Germany, Hajotolislam Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Speaker of

David Kimche

Iran's parliament, announced that McFarlane and four of his associates had flown to Teheran on a secret mission in September.

Rafsanjani, who is close to the Ayatollah Khomeini, the Iranian spiritual leader, reportedly said that the Americans arrived in Teheran aboard a plane loaded with arms, with McFarlane and his aides posing as crew members.

McFarlane, apparently working under the auspices of the U.S. National Security Council, went to Iran to deliver personally badly needed spare parts for the Iranian armed forces, locked in a war with Iraq for the past seven years. According to various reports, McFarlane also brought along a Bible autographed by Ronald Reagan. MacFarlane and his colleagues were held in a hotel room for five days and then sent packing.

McFarlane did not deny the reports, only saying they were "fanciful" and contained "considerable misinformation." The President, refusing to comment, said he did not want to jeopardize the lives of the remaining hostages.

The Israeli government denied any involvement.

Iran and the U.S. have not had diplomatic relations since the 1979 Teheran hostage incident. Washington, however, re-established relations with Iraq in 1985. Iraq severed them in the wake of the Six Day War.

Before the 1979 Iranian revolution, which resulted in the ouster of the pro-American monarchy, Iran purchased billions of dollars worth of American military equipment. Even after 1979, Iran bought U.S. arms. But in the aftermath of the U.S. embassy takeover in Teheran by Iranian militants, Washington cut off the flow.

Discreet relations with Shah

A year later, the Gulf War broke out. Iraq, scoring initial successes, occupied Iranian territory. Iran, short of tanks, artillery and jets, scoured the market for spare parts and replacements. Reports suggest that, in the early 1980s, Israel sold Iran about $30 million of spares through third parties. Israel denied the reports, but there is good reason to believe them.

Robert McFarlane

Israel had good, though discreet, relations with the Shah. Ayatollah Khomeini's revolutionary Islamic regime broke them off and let the PLO occupy the Israeli mission in Teheran. The Israeli government, then headed by Menachem Begin, considered Iraq more of an enemy than Iran. And because Iran was losing the Gulf War, Israel decided to help Iran, albeit secretly. The Iranians, of course, vehemently dismissed stories in the media suggesting the existence of such a relationship.

The Americans, who have adopted a neutral position toward the Gulf War but, in reality back Iraq, were not amused. They asked Israel to stop supplying arms to Iran, and Israel complied with the request.

A new situation emerged after the abduction of American citizens in Lebanon by Shiite extremists. The U.S. attempted to free them by using its influence, such as it is, with Syria. But Syria failed the Americans.

Left with no alternative, McFarlane set up an operation designed to free the hostages and curry favor with so-called moderate elements in the virulently anti-American Iranian regime.

Israel was brought into the picture in 1985. Israel Radio reported last week that McFarlane conferred with Israeli officials, including David Kimche, who was director-general of the foreign ministry until his removal in October.

The Los Angeles Times says that Israel, with the blessing of the White House, shipped to Iran spare parts and missiles for its aging and depleted fleet of F-4 Phantom jets, as well as parts for U.S.-made C-130 planes, radar and other war supplies.

Two months ago, the Danish Seamen's Union said it had documents showing that Israel had shipped thousands of tons of American arms to Iran on Danish vessels from the port of Eilat to the Iranian city of Bandra Abbas.

Interestingly enough, the latest revelations come just weeks after 17 people, including four Israelis, were charged in a New York court with being involved in a $2.5 billion illegal deal to channel U.S. arms and spare parts to Iran.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency says that lawyers for the defendants, one of whom is ex-Israeli general, have filed papers in court contending that state department and Pentagon officials approved the covert transaction.

The plot thickens.

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Editorial

Dubious analogy

Forty years ago at the Nuremberg tribunals Hermann Goering, Hitler's chief lieutenant, made the following statement: "Today the Germans revile me; in 50 years they will raise a monument to my memory."

With 10 years to go there are no signs on the horizon that Germans are contemplating such a monument. On the other hand, there are other disquieting developments occurring in that country which give pause for reflection.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's blackmailing of President Reagan on the Bitburg issue is only one manifestation of a trend discernible among certain West German intellectual circles.

That trend seeks to relativize the Nazi destruction of six million European Jews along with thousands of Gentiles. In the new approach no denial of the Holocaust is involved. An attempt is made rather to place this aberration in its "proper" perspective.

Thus one German historian has written that the Nazis were little different from the Bolsheviks. The latter massacred innocent people on the basis of class; the Nazis murdred people on the basis of race.

The inference is quite clear: while both may be deplorable, they are understandable in the light of contemporary circumstances.

Martin Susskind, a correspondent for the Munich daily Suddeutsche Zeitung writes in the New York Times (Nov. 2): "German voters would like to hear that the Hitler era is something rationally explainable, that its roots extend past the responsibility of the Germans after all.

"It is hoped that the stiffling guilt for the murder of Jews might be lifted through academic proof of comparable atrocities by other nations."

Unfortunately it is not within our power to salve the conscience of German intellectuals by acquiescing in this relativizing of modern history. What is even more unfortunate is that after 40 years of honest self-examination German intellectuals — some highly placed — are resorting to dubious historical analogy in order to whitewash their nation's past.

Help for righteous

In her remarkable book *When Light Pierced The Darkness* Nehama Tec identified and interviewed hundreds of Poles who had risked their lives to help Jews during the Holocaust.

Ms. Tec's report confirms the personal accounts of hundreds if not thousands of survivors who owe their lives to the righteousness of brave Christians.

In Israel there is specific recognition given to those who saved Jews. On The Avenue of the Righteous in Jerusalem tribute is paid by name to those who succored Jews in their time of greatest travail.

Ironically many of these Gentile heroes, far from enjoying the fruits of their good deeds, have fallen on melancholic times. Rabbi Harold Schulweiss of California, a man of dynamic dimensions, has taken it upon himself to rouse the Jewish people in order to come to the aid of Christians who saved Jews.

Writing in the Jerusalem Post recently Rabbi Schulweiss made the following observation: "Tragically, many of these non-Jewish rescuers who survived the war years were not and are not regarded as heroes by their fellow countrymen.

"On the contrary, they were harassed and vilified as traitors and 'Jew lovers.'"

Schulweiss believes that more than indignation is necessary on the part of the Jewish community. He feels that Jews have an obligation "to lend dignity to the remaining life of these extraordinary human beings who would not join those who found reasons not to help Jews."

In order to concretize plans to help righteous Gentiles Schulweiss has set up the Foundation to Sustain the Righteous Christians. Rabbi Schulweiss asks that those who have experienced or who know about rescues of Jews during the Holocaust should come forward and identify the righteous. The Foundation wants to contact the latter and assist them either financially or by putting them in contact with the people they saved.

This is a most meritorious idea. Readers wishing to support the new Foundation or make inquiries should write Rabbi Schulweiss c/o Valley Beth Sholom, 15739 Ventura Blvd., Encino, Calif. 91436.

Austria, U.S. Jews to create program

Waldheim affair seems fading

THE JEWISH WORLD

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Waldheim affair, which rocked Austria in the spring, seems to be gradually fading away despite sporadic revelations by the World Jewish Congress about Kurt Waldheim's wartime and post-war record. (CJN, Nov. 6).

Waldheim, who has been Austria's president since June, has kept a low profile since his narrow electoral triumph over a Socialist candidate. And in the meantime, the Austrian government and the People's Party, of which Waldheim is a prominent member, are making efforts to defuse the bitterness triggered by the presidential election and the subsequent runoff.

The events of the past six months have not been easy for the Jews of Austria, Diaspora Jewry or Austria itself.

The controversy began last March when the World Jewish Congress released documents implicating Waldheim, a German army intelligence officer in the Balkans, in questionable activities during World War II. The documents seemed to suggest that Waldheim, if he had not actually taken part in atrocities against Greek Jews and Yugoslavian partisans, knew what had been going on.

Waldheim pleaded innocence to the charges, declared he had only "done his duty" as a simple soldier, condemned anti-semitism and praised the contributions of Austrian Jewry.

But as the presidential campaign wore on, the acrimony heightened. And in the weeks leading up to the June 8 runoff, the situation deteriorated still further as certain conservative Austrian politicians decried alleged American Jewish interference in the election and reportedly spread innuendos about the baneful influence of world Jewry.

After Waldheim's victory, Israel recalled its ambassador. And Waldheim, in a press conference, issued a general denunciation of anti-semitism.

As a result of the furor, Austria's small Jewish community was traumatized and Austria's heretofore benevolent postwar image was tarnished.

But of late, the sound and the fury has diminished.

The best sign of that is last month's agreement between Austria and the American Jewish Committee to establish a working group to implement a program to combat the anti-semitism that emerged during Waldheim's battle for the presidency.

Three projects are to be set up. A conference will examine Austria's complicity in the persecution of Jews during the Holocaust and the exploitation of anti-semitism by Austrian politicians since the 19th century. A symposium will be held on the contribution of Jews to Austrian society. And social scientists will measure the extent of anti-semitism among Austrians today. (According to a recent survey, the Waldheim affair left no appreciable negative impact on Austrian views of Jews).

No such programs, which have been run in Germany for the past 18 years, have ever existed in Austria. The Austrians claim that they were victimized by Nazi Germany and that the Allies exonerated them of war guilt. So the Austrian government's agreement to cooperate with the AJC is an important milestone, even if it is motivated by embarrassment and a practical concern to boost tourism, which has fallen drastically of late.

Before these programs were announced, members of the American Jewish Committee met Franz Vranitzky, the chancellor, Peter Jankowitsch, the foreign minister, and leaders of Austria's major political parties. They also conferred with Jewish community leaders.

The Waldheim affair, which rocked Austria earlier this year, is fading away. Photo shows a Waldheim election poster in Vienna thanking Austrians for voting for him in the June 8 election. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Interestingly enough, they did not see Waldheim, now accused of trying to turn away Czechs from Austria in the aftermath of the 1968 Soviet invasion. "We did not ask to meet Waldheim nor we were asked to meet with him," an AJC spokesman said.

Since then, the People's Party has unequivocably condemned anti-semitism and promised "to fight against any remnants of this vile prejudice which must become anathema to Austria and the civilized world."

Theodore Ellenoff, the president of AJC, has hailed the statement as a "significant and constructive step."

Despite these advances, the jetsam of the Waldheim affair still muddies Austria's waters.

Waldheim's war record still remains unclarified, to say the least. Last month, the World Jewish Congress found German anti-semitic pamphlets, initialed by Waldheim, which incited East Europeans to kill Jews.

In a separate but not unrelated development, Israel has said it will not return its ambassador, Michael Elizur, to Vienna. A career diplomat who was scheduled to retire at the end of his tour, Elizur left Austria days after the June election, saying he would be back. Austria, which has urged Israel to take that step, has now summoned home its ambassador until such time as the matter can be cleared up.

Meanwhile, Austrians are due to vote in a general election on Nov. 23. It became necessary after the Socialist chancellor, Vranitzky, ended his party's partnership with the far right Freedom Party.

The Socialists took the decision after the Freedom Party elected Jorge Haider as its new chairman. Haider, who belongs to the party's national wing, became a controversial figure two years ago when he insisted that Walter Reder, an Austrian war criminal who had been freed from an Italian jail, had simply been "a soldier who had done his duty."

Much as they would prefer to forget Austria's Nazi past, Austrians are still grappling with its legacy.

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GUATEMALAN JEW

It isn't often we read about the Jews of Guatemala. So Victor Perera's boyhood memoirs, *Rites (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, $15.95)*, is certainly worth investigating.

Perera, a Sephardic Jew, was born in Guatemala City, settled in the U.S. in 1948 and became a journalist after graduating with an MA from the University of Michigan. Currently teaching writing at the University of California, he has been a reporter for The New York Times as well as an editor at the New Yorker.

In 1971, on assignment with The New York Times, Perera visited his homeland for the first time in 12 years. And in Rites he recalls his childhood in this tormented Central American country, torn by sporadic civil war and weighed down by appalling social inequities.

His parents, descendants of a long line of rabbis, were born in Jerusalem. Perera's father, who had been a Talmudic scholar and a mathematics teacher in Palestine, immigrated to Guatemala in the 1920s and, together with his brothers, ran a textile store.

Perera's mother came later, her marriage to his father having been arranged.

Rites, which is shot through with nostalgia, is a portrait of a family, a Jewish community and a nation.

By Guatemalan standards, the Pereras were well off, being able to employ household help and send their son to a foreign school. Although Guatemala was the only home he knew, Victor Perera felt like "a foreigner in this strange place." The housekeeper rebuked him for not praying "to our Lord to be forgiven for your ancestors' sins against him," while one of his school mates taunted him for being a "Christ killer."

But life was not so bad. The Pereras were comfortable in Guatemala and they had nothing to fear but the endemic political instability that periodically erupted when one faction of the army ousted another in a coup. Ultimately, this was their reason for leaving Guatemala.

Rites is rich in characterization. He remembers the decrepit and pathetic Polish Jewish refugee who instructed him in religious studies; the pampered aunt who allegedly was the first Guatemalan woman to drive a car, own a TV set and wear slacks; the mestizo friend whose father was consumed by the desire to expose him to the wonders of sex; the girls who worked in his father's store.

The images of Guatemala he leaves are not always clearly defined, but they are never boring or pedestrian. Rites is a good initiation into the troubled world of Guatemalan Jewry.

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Opinion

Comedian's renaissance now in full bloom

Sid Caesar recovers from his "20-year blackout"

GERRY MORRIS, The CJN's critic of New York plays, reports on a recent interview with famed comedy star Sid Caesar. Morris is a member of Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk and American Theatre Critics Association.

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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. —

"Your husband is going to be a big, big star," producer-director Max Leibman told Sid Caesar's wife shortly before the 1950 premiere of NBC's Your Show of Shows. With a sense of foreboding, Florence Caesar asked: "Couldn't he just be a little star?"

Leibman's prediction was entirely right, and the wife's fears were doomed to become a painful reality. At the turn of the half-century the mighty Caesar was to bury his fans every Saturday night under an avalanche of comedy. It was the Golden Age of "live" television, when Sid Caesar & Co. did what was comparable to creating a full scale Broadway show each week — before pre-taping, retakes and canned laughter took all the humanity and soul out of the medium. Caesar played everything from funny-sad Chaplinesque pantomimes to husband-and-wife satirical sketches with sidekick Imogene Coca or Nanette Fabray, to lampoons of dozens of operas and movies. (Remember From Here to Obscurity?)

Hollywood film director Alfred Hitchcock admiringly said: "The young Mr. Caesar best approaches the great Chaplin of the 1920s," and Albert Einstein was such a fan he wanted to include him in his studies of the Human Equation.

Saturday night in North America was a major social event. Married couples shared TV sets and many single women would turn down dates if their escorts wouldn't stay home and watch Caesar and Imogene on their boxy old television sets with the 10-inch screen. In New York a delegation of Broadway movie owners requested that NBC program chief Pat Weaver use his influence to switch Show Of Shows to the middle of the week on grounds that it was ruining Saturday night business.

Caesar's reign as King of Comedy lasted eight years, during which time he headlined the two best comedy shows of the century — Your Show Of Shows, followed in 1954 by its sequel, Caesar's Hour. Sid and his brilliant team created television's finest hour. So when you're talking living legends you're talking about Sid Caesar who has been there and back and there again.

Recently I had the pleasure of visiting some of this legendary landscape. Waiting in the den of his sprawling Beverly Hills home (in plush Trousdale Estates), I observed a stack of Emmy's gracing the mantle, a wall covered with sundry awards (including one from the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League). My eye then caught something framed that looked special. It was. Issued by the U.S. Congress, the document proclaimed Caesar's admission into the United States Hall of Fame. I was later informed that only four performers have received it: Will Rogers, George M. Cohan, Bob Hope and Caesar.

I found the comedian tanned, lean and remarkably fit — boyishness still lingers. The eyes, deep set, sparkle as he steers the conversation toward his rejuvenated approach to life. He had just completed a 3-mile walk, followed by a half-hour of strenuous calisthenics and a 20-minute swim (his daily workouts are as disciplined as his artistry).

"How old is Sid Caesar now?," I asked, opening the interview. "Sixty-four," he said with a broad beam. "How old does he feel?" "Forty," he replied without hesitation.

His current lifestyle must have something to do with that. He adheres religiously to a nutritional meat-free diet, and credits the return of his creative powers to his exercise and nutrition regimen. It's hard to believe that only eight years ago this healthy-looking specimen went to the brink in an agonizing 20-year battle with booze and drugs, a story which was candidly chronicled in his 1982 autobiography *Where Have I Been?*

How would he define true success today?

Caesar put it simply: "Knowing how to live — how to enjoy life. Peace of mind. That's real success. Health plays the dominant role . . . without that you have nothing."

His new found spirituality encompasses a deep interest in music, philosophy, history and physics. Dipping into the past, he traces his early career development back to his Jewish-Yonkers-Depression childhood (he was the youngest of four brothers), and the memory obviously triggered a flood of quiet emotions. His father's blue-collar diner swam with dialect and broken English, Italian, Russian, Polish, German (and some tongue as yet unclassified). It was here that the veteran comedian developed an ear for mimicry and linguistic double-talk.

Max Caesar's bankruptcy and broken spirit during the Great Depression left Caesar with a permanent chill. "Actually we were well off during my formative years so I can't blame poverty for my adult problems." (He blames no one, least of all his parents whom he loved much).

Sid Caesar

In his late teens, burly and handsome, fresh out of Yonkers High School, he played tenor sax well enough to be a sideman with such big league bands as Shep Fields, Claude Thornhill and Charlie Spivak. Between numbers he did imitations and double-talk routines which led to comedy basic training in the Borscht Belt. Max Leibman, sometimes called the Ziegfeld of television, spotted and subsequently groomed and molded his talents (as he did with Danny Kaye and Imogene Coca), casting him in the Coast Guard Revue Tars and Spars, which ignitied Caesar's career. After discharge he went on a roll, going non-stop from the Copacabana to the Roxy to the huge 1947-8 Broadway hit Make Mine Manhattan (which won him the Donaldson Award).

Only 26, he was now making $3,000 a week (today's equivalent: $100,000 a week).

"Did success come too early for you?" I asked.

"I wasn't ready, nobody could talk to me in those days. Nor was I properly prepared for the adversity to come. I thought my world was one big candy store."

Clearly all was not well behind the facade of fame, fortune and adulation. There was a dark side to this comic genius, and eventually it smothered him in a blanket of creeping alcoholism, barbiturates and depression.

By 1958 Sid was emotionally wrung out from the pressure-filled days. He confined: "When you are doing 90 minutes of live breakneck comedy, 39 weeks a year for eight years with no safety net, no cue cards, no prompters — it takes its toll." Fellow comedian Bert Lahr had only one word for Caesar's herculean commitment: "Impossible."

Through his most anguished period he was sustained by the love of his devoted wife of 43 years, who literally kept him from spinning off the edge. At one point she and their three children threatened to write a book about the horror of life with father called I Remember Monster.

He continued to work in TV and films, and he still had plenty left to wow them on Broadway in 1962 in the multiple-role performance of Neil Simon's Little Me. But following that it was a steady slide into what he called his 20-year blackout. "In 1976-7 I went to Australia to do a movie called Burnaby & Me. I don't remember anything about the trip or the picture. I lost a whole continent." As he was ruefully reflecting on his steep decline, an applicable chassidic expression came to mind. "A man must descend very low to find the force to rise again."

Even in his glory years, earning a million a year and not yet 30, he had gnawing self-doubts. There was a constant fear that the gift would be taken away. Then there was his losing battle in the trench-warfare of network ratings, with Lawrence Welk on ABC and Arthur Godfrey on CBS. This, combined with his drinking problem, caused NBC to bring his 8-year reign to an end. Caesar viewed the traumatic event as a "career Dunkirk."

The comedian's big turning point came in 1978 (the darkest of his dark period) when he was appearing in the Neil Simon play The Last Of The Red Hot Lovers at a dinner theatre in Regina, Sask. For the first time in his life he couldn't remember his lines or cues. He had hit bottom.

Earlier in the interview I had asked him: "Can you recollect one magic moment that stands out above all others?" His answer: "The one magic moment in my life was when I asked for help in Regina. I said: 'Take me to a hospital.' That was it."

His tough genes pulled him out of a prolonged nightmare and he has been clean ever since.

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Caesar recounts his glory days with Imogene Coca on Show Of Shows. "I truly admire her, she was one of the great comediennes of her time. It's hard for a woman to be a comedienne and still be a lady. Imogene is a lady." Now 78 and still active in theatre, she is currently touring in the national company of On The 20th Century. Miss Coca said in an Esquire interview: "Working with Sid was the most fulfilling time of my life. I'd take 50 bucks a week for the chance to work with him again."

Some of the funniest lines they ever did were in a cliche skit in which Imogene and he discuss the use of psychology in bringing up children today.

Imogene: I think the old method of spanking a child is passe.

Sid: I say don't just spank a child. Talk to the child. Reason with him, find out what's on his mind. And when you find out the reason — the real cause — then belt him.

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Caesar brought an intelligence to sketch comedy that is now sorely lacking. As Mel Brooks put it: "A lot of guys could mimic Cagney and Bogart but Sid mimicked the little man. Humanity was his source. The audience was in effect laughing at itself."

"Now comedy has to be gross to be funny and I think that demeans the culture," said Caesar. He also criticizes the use of the canned laughter — now nobody knows what is funny anymore. Sid today admires the talents of George Carlin, Robert Klein, Robin Williams, among many others, but they, too, rely heavily on the easy laugh. To use the immortal words of the great English actor, Edmund Keane: "Dying is easy — comedy is hard."

Caesar expounds on the Golden Age of television comedy. "Our show had to be written by Wednesday night, because Thursday we had to put it on its feet. Friday we showed it to the technicians, and Saturday was the live show. Sunday was our day off, and I used to stand under the shower and shake.

He had the greatest stable of comedy writers ever assembled, including Neil Simon, Woody Allen, Mel Brooks and Larry Gelbart (all .400 hitters). Brooks said of that turbulent but creative period: "We were frenzied, we were feverish, and we were jealous of each other, but we triumphed together." Larry Gelbart nostalgically recalled: "We were a bunch of baby wolves fighting to win the favor of Sid, the papa wolf."

His writers were pioneers who helped shape American comic consciousness at a time when they couldn't produce TV sets fast enough to meet demand. As a matter of local interest, Caesar informed me that his battery of writers included Lucille Kallen, a talented Jewish girl from Toronto who was then married to Leo Orenstein of the CBC.

"You once said that sometimes the person cries so hard they laugh, or they laugh so hard they cry. Would you elaborate?" I asked.

"That's where Chaplin was at. Any great comedian can play both sides of the street at the same time. They have to like you before they can laugh or cry with you. Pain is a great part of comedy. You must have pathos. You must have sympathy." Carl Reiner (second banana on Your Show of Shows) said of Caesar: "I now evaluate all comedians on the basis of their ability to communicate pain. Sid was the best I've ever seen."

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One of Caesar's great therapies is exercising his sense of humor and his new found philosophy of appreciation. "If you don't eat for a week you will lose your appetite. Same with humor. If you don't have humor every day or laugh at yourself, you'll lose your appetite for laughing. Now my greatest joy is appreciation. Once you have something in life and you almost lose it, and manage to get it back, you learn all about appreciation."

He said he saw a lot of himself in the 1982 film, My Favorite Year. "The guy played by Joseph Bologna was supposed to be me in caricature. But I identified more with the Peter O'Toole character, who drove to Connecticut to talk to his daughter and couldn't get out of the limousine. That was really me. I was drunk all the time," he confessed.

One of the most bizarre of his Show Of Shows characters was the zany and quirky professor with his squashed-in top hat, disreputable looking tailcoat, and tie askew. Here's a typical piece:

Interviewer: Doctor, would you explain to the audience in simple language the basis of your theory on sleep?

Professor Von Sedative: Yah. Schleep is vunderbar. Schleep is beautiful. But schleep is no good to you if you is vide avake.

"Observing you now at the peak of your revitalized period, it's hard to imagine that once there was a tormented figure known as Sid Caesar. Do you still consider that person a part of you?" I asked. "No," said Caesar, "that was a different animal. I look back and say: 'What was it? How the hell could I think like that?' " Today he projects an attitude of quiet dignity in a man who has finally made friends with himself.

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There is now a Sid Caesar renaissance in full bloom. Coming up is a Broadway musical based on Caesar's Show Of Shows. He's writing a second book entitled *How To Make Friends With Yourself.* As well, he's been lauded throughout North America by critics for several straight dramatic parts in Amazing Stories and the prestigious Hallmark Hall of Fame. He recently finished editing highlights of Your Show Of Shows and Caesar's Hour into 65 half-hour segments (exhaustively culled from a 450-hour archive) for syndication.

Caesar still performs regularly in night clubs and movies, and has lectured extensively on the college circuit. His favorite subject is The Crisis in Comedy.

The comedian is currently working in Israel making a feature film for producer Menachem Golan entitled The Emperor's New Clothes. Like Milton Berle, Jack Benny, Jackie Gleason and Ernie Kovacs he will be remembered as one of the giants of television comedy.

It was through years of psychotherapy and his own strangely effective therapeutic devices that he developed the discipline to control his destructive tendencies which were as sizeable as his talent (he argued with and counseled himself by tape recorder). "I'm still an addictive personality," he said, "but I've replaced negative habits with positive ones." Then he added: "The only bank account a man has is his own self-assurance. You are what you think you are, nothing more, nothing less."

Caricature of Gerry Morris by Al Hirschfeld.

Opinion

Synagogue, oldest in Florida, marks centennial in 87

Jews maintaining presence in pleasant Key West

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Jewish community of Key West, a popular resort in the Florida Keys, will mark the 100th anniversary of its synagogue next year. B'nai Zion is Florida's oldest synagogue.

KEY WEST, Fla. —

When Abraham Einhorn arrived in Key West in 1908 it was Florida's biggest metropolis. Decades would elapse before Miami or Miami Beach would catch up and overtake Key West.

A Romanian Jew from the town of Jassy, Einhorn came to Key West when it was still relatively isolated and the only way you could get there was by boat. The railway had not yet been built and the road that would link Key West with the Florida mainland was still 30 years away.

Jack Einhorn, his son, is not sure why his father settled in Key West, now a prime resort, particularly in winter. "He had gone to New York City but left because he couldn't get along with his sister," he says. "Next he traveled to Havana. But not being happy there, he went to Key West, where he met my mother, Annie Rosenthal."

And it was here, in this semi-tropical place far from the maddening crowds, that Abraham Einhorn ended up, first as a clothing store clerk and then as the proprietor of a modest grocery store. It was here, too, that he and his wife sired three children.

When Einhorn set foot in Key West for the first time, a small Jewish community existed, and one of its members was Einhorn's friend from Jassy. Jack Einhorn speculates his father may have settled in Key West precisely for that reason.

By the time Einhorn's landsman landed in Key West, it was home to a fledgling Jewish community that had been started in the 1880s by David Aronovitz, a Romanian immigrant, and his wife.

In 1887, he and his fellow Jews founded a congregation, Rodeph Sholom, which, until 1910, met on the second floor of Louis Fine's furniture store. In that year, they moved to new quarters at the corner of Simonton and Southard, and in 1918, the congregation was named B'nai Zion. Sixteen years ago, in line with the movement of Jews into the suburbs, B'nai Zion relocated, getting a brand new concrete and glass building on United St., a 20- minute walk from Simonton and Southard.

In 1987, B'nai Zion, Florida's oldest synagogue, will mark its centennial. Einhorn, B'nai Zion's president, says a series of events, culminating in a dinner in May, are planned to commemorate its 100th birthday.

Sol Landau, the rabbi, says the festivities "will involve everyone in the commmunity. It will be an educational, historical and personal celebration."

According to Einhorn, a Sears Roebuck appliance salesman, B'nai Zion has 50 members, several of whom are ex-Israelis. But in his opinion, about 100 Jews actually live in Key West, whose population is 30,000 before the winter rush.

Most of Key West's Jews come from somewhere else, with no more than 12 having been born in the city. Jack Einhorn, 63, is a native, a "saltwater conch," in local parlance.

But Rose, his wife, was originally a New Yorker. She has been in Key West since 1944.

Einhorn says the Key West of his youth was a "liberal, cosmopolitan place" which gave him no reason for being uncomfortable with his religion. Until grade 6, he attended a Catholic school, and he never had any trouble there as a Jew. Indeed, he remembers that some of the teaching nuns attended bar mitzvahs.

But Key West, like the rest of Florida, was hardly free of anti-semitism. Jefferson Browne, in his 1912 history of Key West, writes that city fathers, in 1891, levied a $1,000 licence fee to force Jewish peddlers out of the business. The measure backfired. Although Jews left peddling, they did not leave Key West. They bought stores and entered the retail trade, bequeathing their stores to their children, some of whom followed in their footsteps. On Duval St., the main thoroughfare, you can shop at Halbert Lewinsky's men's shop, at Appel's Fashion Store, or at Applerouth's Shoe Center.

In Key West, Jews were not active in the cigar industry, which had been established by post Civil War Cuban refugees, nor were they in the sponge trade, both of which collapsed. Very few, if any, Jews went into the shrimping and sports-fishing businesses.

Down through the years, Jews have been fairly involved in Key West's civic life.

•William Applerouth, who died in 1978, was chairman of Key West's Port & Transit Authority, president of the Chamber of Commerce and a trustee of Florida Keys Junior College. Applerouth Lane, in Key West, is named in his honor.

•Mitchell Wolfson, an industrialist, restored John James Audubon's neglected house on Whitehead St., now one of Key West's main tourist attractions.

An artist and naturalist known for his painting of birds, Audubon lived in Key West for a number of years. Mitchell Wolfson and his wife Frances bought the rundown house, renovated it and filled it with authentic antiques and art, including a rare 4-volume "double elephant folio" by Audubon, and gave it to the National Trust.

•David Wolkowsky, the grandson of a Key West Jew, bought Sloppy Joe's on Greene St., Ernest Hemingway's old hangout, and restored it. He also built Pier House, a magnificent hotel at the foot of Duval St.

Wolkowsky no longer lives in Key West, but neither do many others who were born and raised here. Jack Einhorn says that, as a result of greater economic opportunities that existed elsewhere in Florida and in other parts of the U.S., "nearly all" of Key West's younger Jews have left the city. Einhorn's two sons live in Texas (and his two brothers reside in Miami and Washington).

The Aronovitz clan, once one of the leading Jewish families in Key West, has been depleted by migration as well. Abe Aronovitz was a Miami mayor and his son, Sidney, is a federal judge. In Key West, the family hasn't been forgotten. Aronovitz Lane is a stone's throw away from the walled house where Hemingway wrote classics like *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, *A Farewell to Arms* and *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*.

Mitchell Wolfson, the restorer of Audubon House, lives on the Florida mainland. Louis, his father, was the first Jewish mayor of Miami Beach in 1940.

Despite the migration of Jews from Key West, Jack Einhorn believes that there will always be a Jewish community in this pleasant city where snowbirds flock. And one can understand his reasoning. For as long as Key West remains a thriving tourist destination, Jews will have no pressing reason to look to greener pastures.

A swastika daubed on the walls of B'nai Zion in August of 1985 will have no adverse short-term or long-term effect on the community, he adds. "It was an isolated incident," he says, explaining that security lights have been installed since the daubing.

Certainly, Rabbi Landau, B'nai Zion's spiritual leader, doesn't think that the community's days are numbered. Landau, formerly of Miami's Beth David Congregation, is sanguine. He has plans to double the membership.

As far as he is concerned, the Jews of Key West, and B'nai Zion, have a bright future.

Israelis among world's best buyers

People of the Book are still reading

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

A not very complimentary joke has it that Jews no longer read the Bible, or any book for that matter, and the People of the Book have been transformed into the People of the Checkbook. Yet the latest statistics from Israel indicate that Israelis are among the very best book buyers and readers in the world.

The average sale of all books printed in a single year is about 2,000 copies, and while this may not sound like a great deal, if the same figure were projected onto the American scene, proportionate to the population, it would mean that the U.S. would have an average sale of 120,000 copies — a situation which would send American publishers into seventh heaven.

Israel's publishers consist of commercial houses, university presses, kibbutz movements and even daily papers. Of these, 85 are organized into the Israel Book Publishers' Association, which not only serves as a clearing house for the problems of its members, but also sells literary rights of Israeli books to overseas publishers, and acts as a literary agent for foreign publishers interested in having their books published in Hebrew.

Quite aside from the literary aspects of the industry, the export of Israeli books, including printed matter and print services, has become a good foreign currency earner, and last year brought in $17,500,000. The main markets were in the U.S. and Western Europe. In addition, last year 25 Hebrew titles were translated into English and issued in the U.S.

The latest statistical review of the industry, drawn up according to UNESCO guidelines, shows that in 1984-85, 4,161 titles were published. For purposes of the study, every publication with over 49 pages, intended for general sale, is called a book.

In the field of Hebrew belles-lettres, only 29 titles ran to more than 10,000 copies in the given year. The average press run of literature is about 2,300 copies, and for poetry about 700.

One of the reasons for the relatively short press runs is the fact that according to Israel's tax laws, books in stock are heavily taxed as inventories, hence the publishers prefer short runs from time to time as required, even for steady sellers like the Bible. Other consistent best sellers are cookbooks, encyclopedias, prayer books and reprints of books on games and sports.

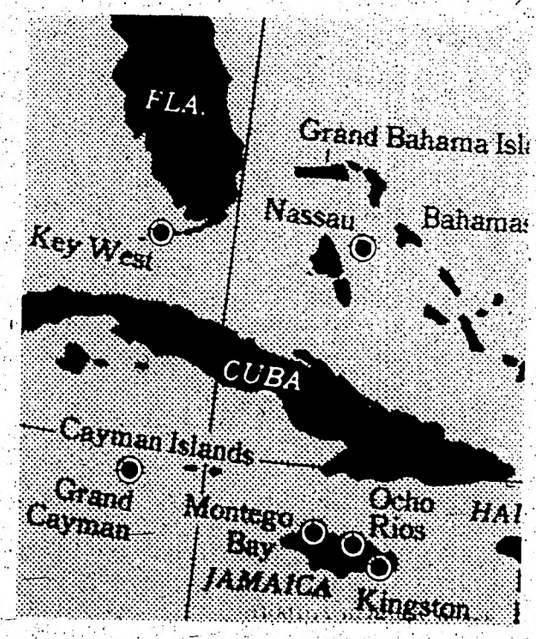
In 1981-82 the total number of books printed was 11,873,000, or almost three books for each man, woman and child. Thereafter the country went through an economic crisis, and the 1984-85 figure dropped by about 25% to 8,872,000 copies.

In all fairness, it must be pointed out that the total list includes 549 government publications and 1,189 textbooks. Almost half the titles were original Hebrew manuscripts, with the remainder translations into Hebrew or published in foreign languages. Indeed, a list of Israeli books in print, in languages other than Hebrew, is soon to be available.

One of the highlights of the local publishing industry was Israel's participation in the Moscow International Book Fair in September, 1985. More than 60 Israeli firms took part, and displayed over 3,300 titles in Hebrew, English, Russian and Yiddish. Despite some bureaucratic Russian interference, the event was a major attraction for Russian Jews, some of whom traveled to Moscow from all parts of the USSR in order to browse through and finger the books.

Israel's own International Book Fair will take place April 6-12, 1987. At the last fair, two years ago, more than 1,000 publishers from 40 countries took part. While the fair is supposed to be a professional and commercial exposition, the general public here usually flocks to it (paid admission) in numbers far exceeding attendance at soccer games, political demonstrations or free picnics.

It was one of our boys, some 2,300 years ago, who foresaw what was going to happen when he wrote: "Of making many books there is no end," but of course he also added: "Much study is a weariness of the flesh." (Ecclesiastes 12:xii.)



Opinion

Meeting needs of the community

Is this really "the best Jewish generation"?

By
J. B. SALSBERG

It happened a few days ago, when the Toronto Jewish community, (like its sister communities in Montreal, Winnipeg, etc.), was feverishly engaged in its truly inspiring annual "Super Sunday."

For those among you who may not yet know what that special day is, I hasten to explain:

J. B. Salsberg

Super Sunday is the one day of the year, during the crest of the annual United Jewish Appeal campaign, when our finest — young and old, men and women — gather at campaign headquarters to engage in the performance of the inspiring mitzvah known as the telephone "blitz." The blitz is directed at those of the community who have not yet pledged to the annual campaign that is under way.

Batteries of extra telephones are located on tables and desks that fill the largest assembly hall in the building for that occasion and scores of our finest people alternate, all day, in the performance of their sacred service.

I confess that I continue to get a spiritual and emotional charge when I enter that focal area of the blitz zone. I feel like embracing each and everyone in that operational area.

Well, a couple of Sundays ago, after attending Toronto's centenary celebration of David Ben-Gurion's birthday I rushed to the blitz of UJA's Super Sunday.

As usual the hallways and offices were literally humming with the activity of the support units. It is they who keep the entire blitz operation running smoothly. All in all it was an inspiring and stimulating experience. It was in that atmosphere that the question of the primacy of the present Jewish generation over most other generations was raised.

I paused at one of the telephone tables to greet a gentleman of considerable religious scholarship, who was one of the diligent volunteers in the blitz. We chatted for a minute or two and when asked what success he met with in his telephonic offensive he replied with a smile; "I think that this is the best generation of Jews." I was surprised by the statement of this wise and thoughtful man . . . and it made me think.

This solid person, with the yarmulke on his head, must have been carried away, I thought, by the inspirational atmosphere of the moment, as I was. How, otherwise, could he have come to so optimistic a conclusion of the present generation of Jews? Could he be a disciple of Reb Levi Yitzhak of Berditchev, the great advocate and defender of his people (d.1809)?

Is this generation of Jews even half as good as he thinks? Frankly, even I, who am not unduly critical of the Jews of my generation, find it hard to subscribe to that man's evaluation of ourselves. Nor am I comfortable with the views of others who derive limitless delight from placing us (Jews) on pedestals of dizzying heights.

Invite people to observe the volunteers

Of course, our long and often tragic history has produced a great harvest of supremely precious Jewish personalities; of heroic communities and of generations that shone much brighter than others; but "greatest?" The generation of that supreme category is, I'm afraid, still in the womb of the distant future. Were it otherwise, then the present "best Jewish generation" would be the one to welcome Messiah, for, as Jewish traditional wisdom has it, Messiah will come either to a guilt-ridden generation or to a generation that is completely just and righteous. So?

In short: we have the good and the bad in our midst. We have the righteous, the principled, the ethical and, heaven forgive us, we also have all too many self-hating Jews — Jews who seek green pastures in the strangest places; and we also have, oy, veyh, crooks, swindlers and hypocrites.

On balance I would say that what we need desperately is an army of moral preachers of the calibre of Reb Yisroel Salanter (1810-83), the founder of the modern Musar movement, to storm against the morally negative manifestations of Jewish society. (Where can one find them?)

In the meantime UJA could help out by arranging Super Sunday blitzes in a large auditorium, with a balcony surrounding that auditorium, and invite the community to fill every balcony seat to look down upon the tzadikim, the volunteer men and women, who blow the shofar (with the help of Graham Bell's invention) to arouse the unawakened to respond to the call of all Jewish needs at home and abroad. The very sight of that moving performance would surely influence all who behold the energizing blitz below them.

They may not come to the same conclusion of my friend, that this is the "best Jewish generation," but they surely will leave the place better Jews and better men and women.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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AN "ACH!" FOR A PROF.

Your Oct. 30 issue carried a letter headed "Don't 'Ach!' over these two" written by a Montreal Prof. Klaus Herrmann (two rr's and nn's).

He criticizes Rose Ehrenworth for "having the audacity" to criticize lawyers Alan Borovoy and Edward Greenspan of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

I have known Ms. Ehrenworth for many years, and have the highest regard for this fighter for Israel and the Jewish people in general. I know nothing of the Herr Professor Klaus Herrmann. However, from his diatribe, my desire to is zero.

I have known Alan Borovoy for some time, and agree wholeheartedly with Rose Ehrenworth's evaluation of this worthy gentleman. He is notorious for fighting for the right of any anti-semite to express virulent views, but I have yet to see him show the same vigor on behalf of Israel.

As for Ed Greenspan, he is a wealthy lawyer who should use his considerable abilities in other areas rather than seeming to defend the right of vicious anti-semites to spout their poison in the name of freedom of speech.

Finally, Ehrenworth's comparison with social democratic action in the early 1930s was right on! Those "bleeding hearts" who fought for Hitler's freedom of speech, the Herr Professor will recall, ended up in the gas chambers.

Myopic professors said at that time that such things could not happen. They did. It can happen now — and in Canada.

I remember the Swastika Gangs in the hungry 1930s, when Jewish blood was shed on Toronto streets (also some anti-semitic blood!). Perhaps the professor doesn't know of Adrian Arcand the anti-semitic fascist leader of Quebec.

I write as the former Toronto Harbour Commissioner and director of the Canadian National Exhibition.

Murray Tate
Toronto

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OUTRAGED BY MACLEAN'S

I hope you will publish this short open letter, of interest, I believe, to all your readers.

Maclean's, Canada's so-called news magazine, has not seen fit to write about one of the most horrendous terrorist acts of our times — the attack on the peacefully-praying Jews in the Istanbul synagogue. All they did was mention it in two lines, in an article that dealt with another terrorist act at Karachi Airport.

This fact prompted me to write and complain to the editor and also to cancel my just-renewed subscription.

Please let your readers know about this outrage.

John S. Arato
Langley, BC

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AND A GOOD YEAR TO YOU

As we begin the New Year, may I, on behalf of Jewish Family & Child Service, express our deepest gratitude to your staff for the outstanding cooperation and support we have received.

Yale Drazin
President
Jewish Family & Child Service
Toronto

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HAYMISHE SHUL CHESS PIECES

Gideon Remez's recent article on the synagogue restorations in the old Venice Ghetto was most interesting and informative.

I, however, take strong exception to his taking offense at the lovely chess pieces that are wonderfully accurate characterization of the characters from Yiddish literature, and, for that matter, except for exaggerations in dress, my cheder teachers, rabbi and schochet from my youth in small-town Ontario.

They are the figures of East European Jewish folk art, and, for that matter, the figures of great artists such as Marc Chagall.

Has Remez no sense of humor?

Prof. Jack M. Miller
St. Catharines, Ont.

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EX-SOUTH AFRICAN MASH NOTE

I wrote to The CJN some months ago while still in South Africa and processing my immigration to Canada.

I would like to thank you for replying and giving me the necessary information I needed about accommodation.

I'm now settled in Toronto and thankful to people such as yourself and many other warm Torontonians who opened their homes to me, and helped me with business contacts and interviews.

Colin Romain
Toronto

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SALUTES RABBI'S FEMINIST VIEW

Thank you so much for printing in the Oct. 23 *Viewpoints* insert in The CJN the article titled "Feminism and the Halakha" by Rabbi Mendell Lewittes, formerly rabbi of Young Israel of Montreal, who now lives in Jerusalem.

I was most interested in following the line of reasoning of this obviously intelligent man, including his personal view on the feminist demand that a quorum of women gathered for prayer may constitute a *minyan*.

I hope you will publish another one of his essays in the future.

Myra Cohen
Toronto

Reader believes that Jewish actress Theresa Tova (left) virtually stole the show playing "yenta" Mrs. Van Daan opposite Joanna Schellenberg in The Diary of Anne Frank.

BRAVO FOR TOVA'S "YENTA"

Re Frank Rasky's Oct. 30 generally favorable review of *The Diary Of Anne Frank* at the Young People's Theatre:

I disagree with his contention that 13-year-old Joanna Schellenberg's portrayal of Anne Frank was "1-dimensional." I thought her performance was great.

I'm glad, however, we both agree that actress Theresa Tova deserves a prize for her realistic portrayal of that brassy *yenta*, Mrs. Van Daan. I thought she just about stole the show. Do you have any background on Ms. Tova as an actress? Is she Jewish? What other plays has she done?

Jay Katz
Toronto

Editor's note: Pleased to oblige. Toronto-born Theresa Tova, the mother of two children, is indeed Jewish and a seasoned theatre and TV performer. She performed in the Young People's Theatre production of **Village Of Idiots,** *in* **The Count Of Monte Cristo** *at the Skylight Theatre, and* **El Grande De Coca-Cola** *at Harper's Dinner Theatre. She has performed in the CBC-TV productions* **Seeing Things** *and* **Homefires,** *and was featured in the recent Canadian film* **Dancing In The Dark.**

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KIDS ADOPT BARBADOS SHUL

Our students at United Synagogue Day School, Bayview Campus read with interest your Oct. 30 article on the reconstruction project at Nidhe Israel Synagogue in Barbados.

We thought CJN readers would like to know that prior to your article, our students adopted the Barbados synagogue as one of our tzedakah projects for this school term.

Mr. Schie Pillersdorf, whose grandchildren attend our school, eloquently addressed our students, speaking on the history of the Jewish community in the West Indies and his own family's personal involvement in Barbados.

Barbara Tweyman
Toronto

World-National

Applications to get quicker response, delegates say

Soviets promise emigration "improvement"

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of sessions when the subject of Soviet Jewry arises. "They're handling it with more sophistication," Stern said. "They're always saying, 'You'll see, there will be an improvement.' "

One new directive has emerged from the Soviets, Stern noted. She said the Russians have pledged that from now on, all new applications for emigration will be answered within one month and all applications on emergency grounds, such as illness, will be treated within three days.

In one session, Stern pointed out, four questions were raised on President Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) or Star Wars space shield, while nine questions were raised on Soviet Jewry in another session.

"Many countries, not just Canada, have made mention of Soviet Jewry."

Several demonstrations by Jewish students from around the world have been held, Stern said. Jewish students from London staged mock Soviet tank attacks in the streets outside the former Imperial Palace where the talks are being held. Stern said one Jewish student from France was arrested but later released.

As well, Vladimir Magarik, now living in Israel, is staging a hunger strike to draw attention to his son, Refusenik Alexei Magarik.

In addition to students, the Mothers of Freedom in Israel — women now in Israel whose children are Refuseniks — staged protests and met with the U.S. delegation.

But one of the highlights at the conference, Stern said, was the meeting between U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Tanya and Benjamin Bogomolny. Tanya is a cancer patient recently released from the Soviet Union so she could obtain treatment in the West.

Shultz, Stern said, also met Dr. Gerald Batist, the Montreal General Hospital oncologist who has led the campaign to allow Soviet cancer patients to seek treatment outside the country. In addition, Shultz met with the relatives of other Jewish cancer sufferers, namely, Rimma Bravve, Lea Mariasin and Benjamin Charney.

Shultz delivered one of the conference's most stinging attacks in decrying the Soviets' record regarding Soviet Jewry. Shevardnadze later accused the United States of "massive" human rights violations.

Prior to leaving for Vienna, McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler, co-chairman of the Canadian Helsinki Watch Group, said he would launch an urgent appeal for the release of longtime Refusenik Ida Nudel.

In a recent letter from Clark to Cotler, the minister wrote that Canada will take every opportunity in Vienna to remind the Soviets of pledges made by Shevardnadze during his recent visit to Ottawa.

Clark said Shevardnadze promised to personally review the cases presented to him by the Canadian public and government. One of those cases was Ida Nudel's.

Cotler said he planned to distribute in Vienna a 23-point proposal drawn up with the Canadian Helsinki Watch Group, with the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights. Its first demand is that the Vienna review "avoid abstract discussions of human rights" and discuss specific violations, including naming individuals.

The Watch Group also lists such violations as: the denial of Jewish emigration, as well as cultural and religious rights; interference with correspondence and telephone communication and state-sanctioned anti-semitism.

Stern said the Russians seemed "friendly" when Cotler delivered his document to the Soviet delegation, but when specific cases were mentioned by Cotler, the Soviets seemed not as amenable.

Canadian Jewish Congress is represented in Vienna by Stern and by executive vice-president Alan Rose, who is expected to arrive at the end of November.

Stern said the word in Vienna is that the conference will go on anywhere from six to 18 months.

Hadassah is prepared to do heart transplants

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Hadassah Hospital said that it is prepared to begin heart transplants immediately. In fact, it has been ready for the procedure for some time but delayed because it wanted to comply with rabbinical directives.

Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino, who authorized two liver transplants at Rambam Hospital in Haifa last month without rabbinical sanction because time was of the essence, praised the Rabbinate Council's ruling. So did leading physicians. One remarked that it means Israel is now among the enlightened countries of the world.

Former Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren may have given some impetus to the Rabbinate Council's decision when he wrote in an article in The Jerusalem Post that organ transplants are not only halachically permissible but indeed a mitzvah because they can save lives.

He suggested in his article that cessation of breathing caused by brain death was the proper criteria and that breathing need stop for a minimum of only seven minutes before the patient can be declared dead.

But ultra-Orthodox circles in Jerusalem have refused to accept the Rabbinate Council's ruling, insisting that heart transplants are murder. The extremist Eda Haredit sect ordered a boycott of Hadassah Hospital's cardiac department. It warned that the boycott would be extended to the medical centre as a whole, costing the hospital "millions of dollars a year."

Meanwhile, Mira Schichmanter, Israel's first liver transplant patient, died Saturday of complications that followed surgery 17 days earlier at Rambam Hospital in Haifa. A mother of two from Kfar Saba, she had her 40th birthday in her hospital bed, surrounded by her family who were with her at the time of death.

Doctors said her death was not caused by the operation which was successful, but by massive internal hemorrhaging related to the liver ailment she had suffered for years, which had made the transplant necessary. She had been recovering up to five days after surgery and was about to be released from the intensive care unit when she began to bleed and a second operation was performed.

A second liver transplant patient, Eliahu Schreier, 59, remained in critical condition at Rambam Hospital. He underwent surgery several days after Schichmanter and also had to undergo a second operation for internal bleeding.

Herzog visits Australia

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel President Chaim Herzog is in Australasia and southeast Asia on an 18-day state visit, undertaken to advance Israel's good image and promote trade with that region.

In a radio interview prior to his departure last week aboard an Israel Air Froce plane, Herzog said his trip is important politically because it will give Israel a high profile public platform from which to combat anti-Israel propaganda.

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Holocaust Education Month speakers agree:

Holocaust studies help develop moral growth

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

How is it possible that most students in Toronto high schools are unaware of the "unparalleled destruction" of European Jews during World War II?

For Elsa Chandler, a trustee of the North York Board of Education and a survivor of the Holocaust, the board's decision to include a Holocaust education "unit" in English and history courses offers pupils the opportunity to study that destructive period in European history. It also offers the opportunity to discuss other 20th century human disasters in Armenia, Cambodia and Biafra.

Teaching the Holocaust as a means of delving into the darkest recesses of human behavior and for understanding the social, political and moral conditions that made mass murder possible was the goal stated by a number of speakers and panelists at the recent official opening of Holocaust Education Month.

Running until Nov. 27 at various locations in Metro Toronto, Holocaust Education Month features speakers, films and discussions on a number of topics touching on that bleak period in human history.

Among the programs slated are discussions about Jewish war resistance, theological responses to the Holocaust, war criminals and hate groups in Canada and the effects of the Holocaust on survivors and their families.

Coordinated by community volunteers working under the auspices of Toronto Jewish Congress, the program this year has been expanded to one month from its previous 1-week duration.

Speaking on the question of "why teach the Holocaust" before an overflow crowd of 275 at the education administration centre of the North York board of education, Enid Lee said teaching the subject falls into the broader anti-racist plan of the board.

There is an "individual and collective responsibility to combat racism," said Lee, the supervisor of race and ethnic relations for the board. It would have been easy to treat it is as only a Jewish event," she said. "This catastrophe can educate us about other potential catastrophes."

Alan Bardikoff, a psychologist who co-authored the Holocaust education curriculum, said understanding the roles of victim, victimizer and bystander are key areas of concern when teaching the Holocaust.

Some teachers avoid the subject entirely because "they don't know what to do with it." Others are ignorant of its details while others fear how their students will respond to it.

Bardikoff called for teacher training sessions to instruct them how to deal with the subject.

Gordon Meslin, a history teacher at York Mills Collegiate Institute with 24 years experience, said he "field tested" the Holocaust education program for six weeks.

He noted that for students in grades 11, 12 and 13 even Watergate and Pierre Elliot Trudeau were "history." How to make meaningful an event 40 years in the past was a problem for history teachers.

Asking students if they experienced racism, whether anti-semitic, anti-Black or anti-Asian "breaks down walls" and makes them more open to discussing the Holocaust. His approach looked at how Germany was swayed by propaganda to embrace totalitarianism and blind obedience.

The goal of the program, he said, was "to move the students off their complacent butts and begin thinking about the society they live in."

Val Irvine, and English teacher at Downsview Secondary School with 15 years experience, said after field testing the education materials she was "convinced teaching the Holocaust should be incorporated into the English curriculum."

It helped students become aware of questions of morality and examine human behavior and basic social values, she said.

Being exposed to it "unsettles" the students, helps develop their moral growth and spurs a critical attitude to power. Studying the Holocaust also leads to examination of the "manipulation and seduction of language" and contrasts moral and immoral conduct, she said.

Two students who had participated in Holocaust education programs, Mark Stevenson and Reuven Jhirad, voiced their support for the program. Stevenson said the course raised thought-provoking questions and led the students to question their own morals.

Jhirad said studying the Holocaust led him to question what in human nature leads people to perpetrate such cruelties. He said he used the course as a "base to study" other examples of inhumanity.

Responding to the panelists, Bernard Shapiro, Ontario's deputy minister of education, said the purpose of education is to "create a morally autonomous individual" and agreed with Lee that studying the Holocaust should be done in the context of anti-racism education.

But if we are serious in studying the Holocaust and all its implications, it cannot be confined to the classroom, he said. The lessons of the Holocaust must be "part of life" and parents must take a role in dealing with the ethical questions it raises.

Bob Rae, leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, noted that the Holocaust was a "particular experience of the Jewish people" that has universal elements as well.

Studying the Holocaust allows us not only to look at the nature of our own society, but it forces us to look at broader questions of morality, he said.

Recounting incidents of racism in Toronto, Rae said the question is not just how could it have happened, but also, are we so sure it can't happen again.

Veteran politician Joseph Burg:

Peace depends on powers

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The peace and atmosphere in the Middle East region depend largely on what is going on between Washington and Moscow, says former Israeli cabinet and Knesset member Dr. Joseph Burg.

"If there is a friendly atmosphere without too much suspicion between Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and U.S. President Ronald Reagan, it will have a good influence on what is going on in our region," Burg recently told an audience of over 200 at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation in an address sponsored by the synagogue's adult education committee in conjunction with Mizrachi Organization of Canada. Burg is president of the Mizrachi World Movement.

"What is going on in our region depends on what is

Dr. Joseph Burg

going on between Washington and Moscow," said Burg, who has held a number of cabinet portfolios over the past 35 years. "If one decides to exploit national tensions in our region, then I cannot safeguard the peace."

In a wide ranging address, Burg, who headed the National Religious Party until recently, said that since Israel has no interest in having "war" with the Soviet Union, the Soviets should not exploit tensions between Arabs and Jews by supplying bombs to Israel's enemies. This, he said, will prevent any peace initiatives as Israel has a responsibility to protect its citizens.

He said the peace treaty signed with Egypt in 1979 failed to live up to all of Israel's expectations. However, he pointed out that in the past seven years, not a single Israeli soldier has been killed in battle with Egypt.

"It was better to have a code of peace then a code of war," Burg said.

He said Israel will be unable to find a solution to the Palestinian problem as long as terrorism exists as it prevents moderate Palestinians from coming forward. This will not happen, he stressed, as long as the "international family" does not work together to fight terrorism.

"Only now other countries have started to understand that terrorism is not something that happens just in Israel. It can happen any place in the world."

As well as dealing with outside forces, Burg said that for the first time in almost 2,000 years Israel has an internal problem — a schism among the Jewish people — which must be solved to prevent the rift from becoming worse then it is. Part of the problem, he said, stems from arguments among Zionist groups of the Who is a Jew question.

"Zionist organizations have a responsibility of saving Jewish life," Burg said. "They were not created in order to have religious discussions or discussions on who should come to the World Zionist Conference. Whoever wants to bring religious discussions into Zionism brings dynamite and separation instead of understanding and cooperation."

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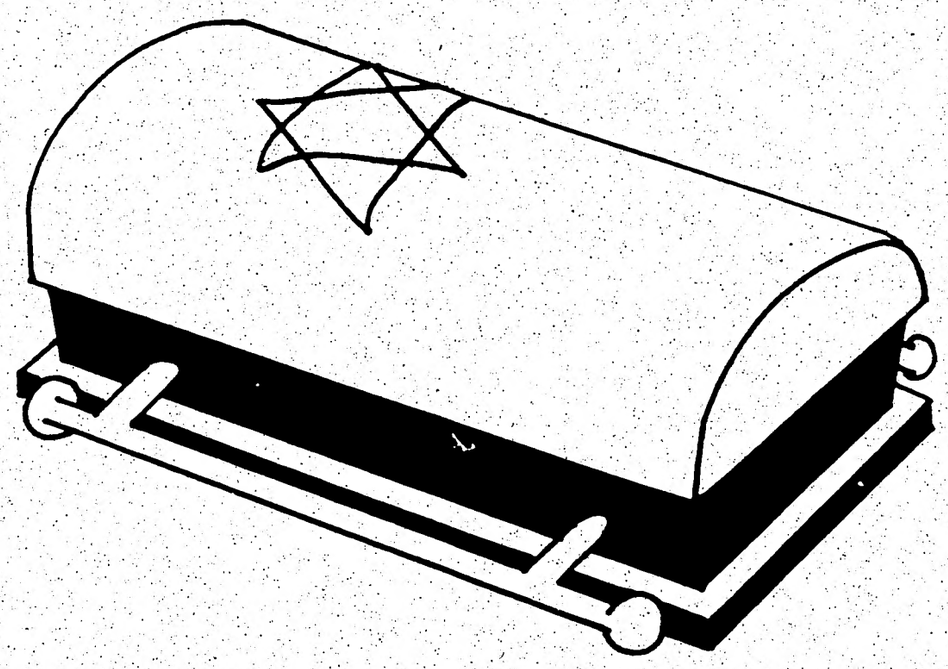

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Organizations and People

TJC's Appleby to make inaugural address

General Assembly to tackle federation problems

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
The 55th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations gets under way in Chicago this week, with an impressive array of political figures gracing the dais at the Assembly's plenary sessions.

U.S. vice-president George Bush and Israeli foreign minister Shimon Peres are scheduled to address the 3,000 delegates — among them 180 Canadians — and a special Saturday night satellite hook up will allow Natan Scharansky to discuss the state of Soviet Jewry with Bush. (Scharansky could not attend the GA because his wife Avital was due to give birth at any moment.)

Also on the agenda is an appearance by Moshe Arens, Israeli minister without portfolio responsible for Arab affairs, who will participate in an Oneg Shabbat program.

But beyond the glitzy, high profile events, the Assembly will allow the delegates the opportunity to exchange information, debate delicate issues and formulate responses to the problems faced by North American Jewish federations.

Toronto Jewish Congress president Ronald Appleby is GA chairman, the first Canadian to hold that position. With responsibility for helping formulate the theme of the 6-day event, Appleby will kick off the GA with an address stressing the importance of Jewish unity.

Ronald Appleby

"*Klal Yisrael — Federation's Role in Building Community*" is the GA theme this year and Appleby said his address will note "we are one people...but that doesn't mean we can't have different approaches" to issues.

Prior to leaving for Chicago, Appleby told The CJN he will stress "respect and tolerance." It's the first time the GA has tackled the question of Jewish unity, he said. And naturally, the Assembly will consider the role of its 200 constituent federations in dealing with the problem.

Jewish federations from Toronto (TJC), Montreal, Winnipeg, Ottawa, London, Edmonton and Calgary will be represented at the assembly, Appleby noted. Three hundred different events, including a rally for Soviet Jewry, are planned.

Ninety workshops will deal with bread and butter issues such as delivery of social services, fund raising and endowments, social planning, women's organizations, leadership development and Jewish issues from a local to a global perspective, according to Bert Abugov, director of the Canadian CJF.

Torontonians will be well represented at the fora. Gella Rothstein, co-chairperson of the strategic planning committee of TJC, will deliver an address on long range strategic planning.

Based on TJC's experience in devising a strategic plan two years ago (one of the first cities to do so), the plan deals with Jewish demographics, the services needed to meet changing needs, financial sources for services, trends and needs in education and services to the elderly.

Sheila Engel, campaign chairperson of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal and Judy Gwartz, president of the Jewish Women's Federation, will lead a forum on information and referral services in Toronto. Both are former chairpersons of the Jewish Information Service, a central number that provides information on social services, synagogues, restaurants and religious needs.

Michael Benjamin, past chairperson of the social planning committee, will deal with services for Jewish adolescents.

In the past, TJC has been a leader in developing programs and approaches to various issues, such as working with the handicapped and maintaining a top notch Jewish education system, said Appleby.

"We can provide new ideas" to other Jewish communities and the GA can be a forum for the exchange of that sort of information, he said.

Toronto's Beth Sholom hosts seminary professor

TORONTO —
Beth Sholom Synagogue was one of more than 100 congregations across North America to host a student or faculty member of the Jewish Theological Seminary during JTS' recent Centennial Shabbat Weekend.

While Beth Sholom was receiving as its guest Edward Greenstein, associate professor of Bible at JTS, three Canadian students at the seminary were spending the weekend with congregations south of the border.

A member of the seminary faculty since 1976, Greenstein lectured at Beth Sholom on Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors; The Joseph Story; and Samson the Foolish Giant.

Eliot Malomet of Ottawa, a first year rabbinical student, spent his weekend at Beth Shalom in Roslyn, NY.

Howard Shub of Toronto, a fourth year rabbinical student, visited Highland Park Conservative Temple in New Jersey. And Lorne Hanick, of Toronto, a PhD Bible student, was hosted by B'nai Israel Congregation in Pittsburgh.

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Portuguese consul-general a Righteous Gentile

Holocaust hero to be honored posthumously

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

He's been called the Portuguese Raoul Wallenberg.

Like the Swedish diplomat who aided thousands of Hungarian Jews evade the Nazi death machinery, Aristides de Sousa Mendes saved thousands of innocent lives.

And like Wallenberg, de Sousa Mendes was confronted by a tragic fate. Instead of being honored by the Portuguese government for his humanitarianism, he was physically removed from his post as consul-general in Bordeaux, stripped of his diplomatic position and lost all his family's material possessions.

He died a dishonored pauper in Portugal in 1954.

In a unique example of cooperation, the Portuguese and Jewish communities will jointly honor the memory of de Sousa Mendes at the annual awards and scholarship dinner of the Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business & Professionals, on Nov. 22 at the Four Seasons Hotel.

De Sousa Mendes' son, John Mendes, will receive an award from the Jewish and Portuguese communities, and Monte Kwinter, Ontario minister of consumer and commercial relations, will present him with a scroll from Premier David Peterson recognizing posthumously his father's efforts to save lives, according to Fernando Costa, president of FPCBP.

It will not be the first time his memory has been so honored. Within the last few years, de Sousa Mendes has been recognized as a Righteous Gentile by Yad Vashem in Israel. In the United States the House of Representatives paid special tribute to him for his acts of mercy and justice during World War II.

De Sousa Mendes' rendezvous with history began in 1938 when he was appointed consul-general in Bourdeaux, France. After France was overrun by Nazi armies and the collaborationist Vichy regime installed, the Nazi round up of Jews began.

During the course of the war, de Sousa Mendes issued 10,000 visas and saved more than 30,000 people, according to Costa. Half of them were Jews.

The visas permitted the holders to cross from France through Spain to neutral Portugal, and from there, perhaps to North America. Many remained in Portugal.

When the Portuguese government got wind of what de Sousa Mendes was doing, it ordered him to stop. He refused and he continued to issue the visas.

As a consequence, de Sousa Mendes was ignominously drummed out of the diplomatic corps.

John Mendes is actively attempting to posthumously reinstate his father into the Portuguese diplomatic corps. He is also hoping to perhaps obtain some kind of recognition — such as a scholarship in his father's name — that will in some way indemnify the family for their suffering, Costa said.

"It's a matter of family honor," he added.

While the dinner is one step on that road, it also opens the door to further close cooperation between the two communities.

Charles Zaionz, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region, said "I hope it will be the start of an ongoing relationship. Since we are both ethnic communities, there could be other areas of communication."

Costa agrees. Tracing the history of the 180,000-strong Portuguese community in Toronto, Costa noted the first neighborhood many lived in when they began coming to Toronto in the 1950s was Kensington. There they were often given employment by Jewish businesses in the garment and construction trades and more recently in professional occupations.

The award for de Sousa Mendes will heighten awareness in both communities of his wartime heroism and at the same time show how "our history is intertwined."

Working with CJC in organizing the presentation is "hopefully a beginning, a good precedent for joint events," Costa added.

About 400-500 people are expected at the dinner, among them Zaionz and other Congress officials.

It is hoped that anyone who was aided by de Sousa Mendes or knows someone who was, will come forward and describe their experience so it can be added to the testimonial at the dinner.

Anyone with a knowledge of de Sousa Mendes can contact the Portuguese Federation at 537-8874 or CJC at 635-2883.

Jews in Calgary support food bank

CALGARY —

The Calgary Jewish community is fulfiling its ongoing commitment to support the city's Interfaith Food Bank with gifts of money and food.

Community Council president Bruce Libin recently presented a check for $12,000 and a truck full of food to the food bank. At the same time students from the city's three Jewish schools had parcels of food.

This was just the latest in a series of gifts from the Jewish community.

For more than a year there have been regular collections at the synagogues, Jewish schools and at the Calgary Jewish Community Centre.

And on the day before Yom Kippur many members of the Calgary community brought gifts of food to waiting food bank workers.

In presenting the gifts to the food bank, Libin said Jews "are commanded to perform mitzvot such as charity, not as a good deed but as a devine imperative . . . an obligation incumbent on every Jew."

Carl Deline, the community liason officer for the food bank said his organization is very appreciative of the support given by the Jewish Community, "not only in the money and food donated, but the time given by volunteers.

Libin told the group that had gathered at the Jewish Community Centre that "the Jewish Community realizes that it is through efforts of mutual support, that each racial, religious and ethnic component of the community of Calgary can help to make our city a better place."

The Community Council president also praised two men, David Waterman and Archie Shapiro who spearheaded this most recent drive for the Food Bank.

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The time is 12.30 p.m. The series is free.

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Saturday, Nov. 15

REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST

In commemoration of Holocaust Education Month, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am will have **Yoachim Schoenfeld**, author of two newly published books, give the sermon at the Shabbat service, Saturday, Nov. 15. He will speak on the topic, Remembering the Holocaust.

Services begin at 9 a.m.

MONTE CARLO EVENING

Maven Lodge B'nai B'rith has joined forces with the York Central Association for the Mentally Retarded to sponsor a Monte Carlo evening on Saturday, Nov. 15, at Thornhill Community Centre (Bayview and John St.).

Along with the fun and games, refreshments and an opportunity to bid on luxury items, the evening gives you a chance to support mentally handicapped citizens as well as B'nai B'rith projects and charities.

The $5 admission ticket is also a chance on a draw for a trip for two to Jamaica. Tickets are available at the door, beginning at 7 p.m., and in advance at the Thornhill Community Centre, participating retailers in the Southern York region, by calling YCAMR at 884-9110 and by calling **Gary Gladstone** of Maven Lodge at 232-6805.

CANCER RESEARCH CASINO NIGHT

The Toronto-Bayview Regional Cancer Centre is holding a casino night and auction on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the centre at Sunnybrook Medical Centre, 2075 Bayview Ave. The auction will be conducted by **Dr. Rob Buckman**, talk show host of Where There's Life and author of Medicine Balls.

Admission is $2. All proceeds will go to the completion and equipping of a cancer research facility at the centre.

Sunday, Nov. 16

YIDDISH WRITER

Mordechai Chalamish, well-known Yiddish and Hebrew writer from Israel will be the guest speaker at a public reception marking the 10th anniversary of the World Council for Yiddish and Yiddish Culture.

The meeting takes place on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 8.30 p.m. at Workmen's Circle Social Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., under the auspices of the Committee for Yiddish of the Toronto Jewish Congress and the Yiddish Culture Council. Refreshments will be served.

MOVIE NIGHT

On Sunday, Nov. 16, Hedara-Shoshana Chapter, Hadassah-WIZO, is sponsoring a movie night featuring the comedy Three Men and a Cradle.

The time is 8 p.m. at the Ontario Science Centre. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are $10. For tickets and information, call **Belle** at 494-7345 or **Mildred** at 789-3125.

ANNUAL BAZAAR

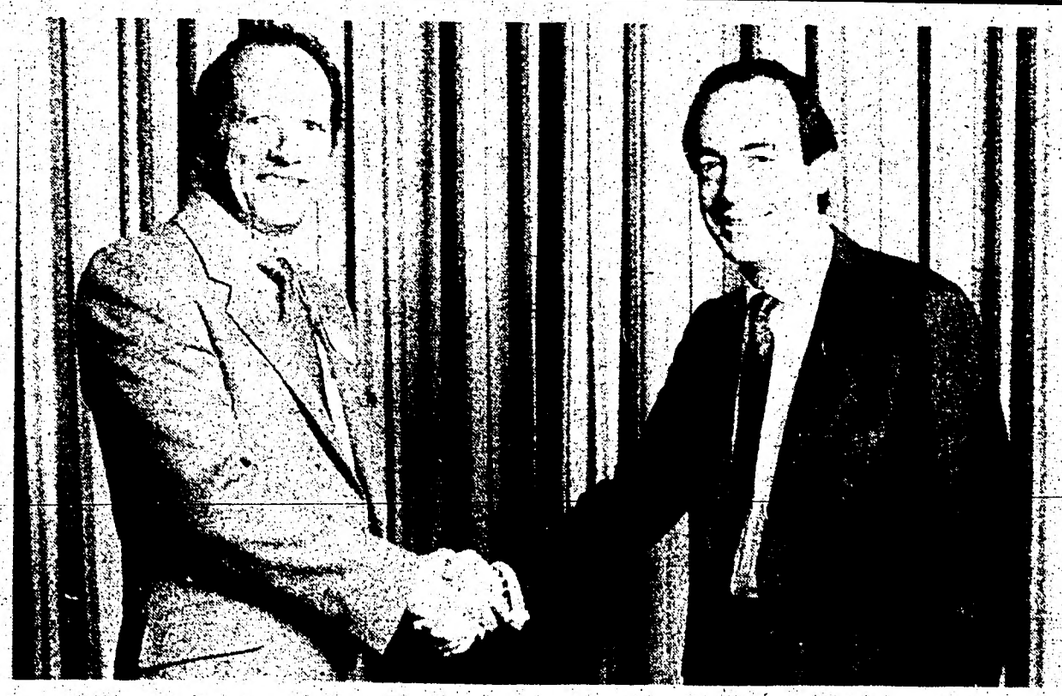
Sheppard Place Social Club's annual bazaar is being held Sunday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 4455 Bathurst St. in the recreation room (one block north of Sheppard).

Featured will be hand-crafted garments and toys, home baking, lunch service (cafeteria), new clothing, jewelry, household items, books, and excellent white elephant objects.

You could also be the lucky winner of an oil painting which will be raffled during the day at $1 a ticket. Proceeds will go to the Soldiers of Israel Fund.

TOKEN OF APPRECIATION

Ben Ocopnick (right), executive director, United Israel Appeal of Canada, Inc., Ontario Region, receives a token of appreciation at the Ontario Region annual general meeting from David Steinberg, region chairman, to commemorate Ben's upcoming retirement.



LEADERS MEET

Alan Posluns (left), president of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto, shakes hands with Dr. Charles (Chuck) Gold, chairman of the 1986 Toronto Negev Dinner, which will honor Dr. Gerald Halbert on Nov. 30. [Gilbert Studios photo]

Monday, Nov. 17

STREETPROOFING FOR WOMEN

The Uptown Business and Professional Group of Toronto Women's ORT is presenting a Streetproofing for Women program on Monday, Nov. 17, at 7.30 p.m. This worthwhile program is specifically geared to the needs of both single and married women.

If you are interested in attending, call **Marcy Gilbert** at the ORT office at 787-0339.

ABOUT JEWS FOR JESUS

Jews for Jesus: Death of Our Heritage is what **Larry Levy**, director of Jews for Judaism, Baltimore, Md., will be discussing at a meeting sponsored by York University's Jewish Student Federation on Monday, Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome. For information, call **Rayzel Robinson** at JSF at 736-5178.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

On Monday, Nov. 17, La Leche League of Willowdale presents The Art of Breastfeeding, the third in the series of four monthly meetings. Discussion will focus on proper positioning of the baby, overcoming breastfeeding difficulties and adjusting to the role of a new mother.

Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome.

The time is 8.15 p.m. at 55 Millersgrove Dr., Willowdale (south off Fisherville, between Dufferin and Bathurst). For further information, phone **Ruth** at 736-1758 or **Elaine** at 663-8003.

NA'AMAT PIONEER WOMEN

Na'amat Pioneer Women welcomes all prospective members (28-40) to the inaugural meeting of the newest Richmond Hill-Oak Ridges group on Monday, Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. at 16 Hanover Ct., Richmond Hill. Guest speaker will be **Carole Sherkin**, who will talk about Understanding Your Body's Messages.

Call 636-5425 days or 764-0565 evenings for further information.

TRENT U STUDENT UNION

Trent University Student Union Association is holding a meeting on Monday, Nov. 17, at 7.30 p.m. at Lady Eaton College, Student Pit. Guest speaker **Sidney Brickman** will discuss the Psychology of Jewish Humor.

All students and members of the community are welcome.

BEAUTIFY NORTH YORK AWARDS

The Beautify North York Awards will be presented by the mayor and city council on Monday, Nov. 17, at 3 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The awards will be presented to the winners and runners-up in the following three categories: Industrial — winner, Saynor Electronics, 99 Scarsdale Rd., runner-up, Epson Canada, 285 Yorkland Blvd.; Commercial, People's Jewelers, Don Mills Rd., and Pusateri's, 1139 Avenue Rd.; Institutional, Churchill School, Senlac/Churchill and MTPD, Firearms Bureau, 30 Upjohn Rd.

JEWISH DIABETES GROUP

Do you inject insulin? Come to the meeting on Monday, Nov. 17, and learn about the new insulin injector, various insulins and current research. Guest speaker will be **Patrick H. Castaldi**, diabetes care specialist, Connaught Novo Ltd.

Meeting takes place at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. For further information, call **Esther Schwartz** at 782-2176.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

ADULT EDUCATION INSTITUTE

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation's Adult Education Institute of Developing Jewish Thought with **Rabbi Moshe Stern** continues on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. The subject of the evening will be The Right of the Individual Versus the Welfare of the Group: A Jewish Perspective.

Also, on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Rabbi Stern conducts a special class for women dealing with current topics of interest.

FOREST HILL-CEDARVALE PW

Ruth Margel will discuss Women in Film at the opening meeting of Na'amat Pioneer Women's Forest Hill-Cedarvale group (young women 25 to mid 30s) taking place Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. at 44 Ardmore Rd., Apt. 2B.

For further information, call 636-5425 days or 881-0951 evenings.

CANADIAN ISRAELI CLUB

Aluma, the Canadian Israeli Club, meets on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7.30 p.m. for a singalong with accordionist **Doron Afir**. The meeting will be held in the Wagman Centre Fireside Lounge, 55 Ameer Ave.

For information, contact **Ephraim Dloomy** at 449-7836.

BRANSON HOSPITAL BAZAAR

Tuesday, Nov. 18, is the date of Branson Hospital Auxiliary's annual bazaar and cake sale featuring a tea room, jewelry, purses, hand knits and white elephant sale.

It all takes place in the emergency lounge beginning at 10 a.m. All proceeds will go the hospital building fund.

SUNLIFE SEMINAR

Sunlife of Canada is holding a seminar on sales and sales management careers on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 5.30-7.30 p.m. at 22 St. Clair Ave. W., 4th floor.

Call **David Green** at 922-3111 to reserve a spot. This is free and open to the public.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM SISTERHOOD

Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood's luncheon meeting is slated for Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 12.15 p.m. Guest speaker **Rabbi Sigmund Wolkenstein** will speak on Stories of Rabbi Nachman of Braslov: The Lighter and Hidden Meanings.

Lunch is $5, by reservation only. Call **Ruth Fruitman** at 731-6660 or **Rose Mintz** at 633-7190.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

IN OUR SORROW — HOPE

The Benjamin Institute for Community Education and Referral public lecture series will be focusing on In Our Sorrow — Hope on Wednesday, Nov. 19. There will be a video-taped interview with a group of bereaved mothers whose children have died. Participants discuss their experiences in bereavement self-help groups. This will be followed by a discussion and commentary with **Dr. Ed Pakes**, senior psychiatrist, Hospital for Sick Children, and member of Professional Advisory Committee, Bereaved Families of Ontario.

The program takes place from 8-10 p.m. at the Zionist Centre, Haifa Room, 788 Marlee Ave. For information, call 663-9060.

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HEALTH & BEAUTY SERIES

The second part of Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood's health and beauty series, Inside and Outside, deals with the Outside segment and features **Dr. Martin Unger** who will discuss Cosmetic Plastic Surgery; **Lily Alexander** (Mira Linder Spa), who will talk about Alternatives to Plastic Surgery, and **Dr. Daria Love**, chiropractor, whose topic will be How Your Health and Appearance Affect One Another.

The time is 8 p.m. in the Philip Smith Congregational Hall of the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS MEETING

The Menorah Group, a self-help group of the Mutiple Sclerosis Society for people with MS and their families, is having its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 8.30 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Guest speaker will be **Marion Harris**, who will give a presentation on Feldenkrais — awareness through movement.

For further information, call 630-2985.

ANOREXIA/BULIMIA GROUP

The Anorexia/Bulimia Family Support Group of Metropolitan Toronto and area will hold its regular monthly meeting at Toronto City Hall, Committee Room 1, on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 7.30 p.m.

All persons interested are invited to attend this informative-sharing meeting. The speaker will be a therapist.

Thursday, Nov. 20

CHAVUROT HAMASORET

People, ages 18-25, who are interested in an exciting new program of Jewish study, are invited to participate in Chavurat Hamasoret. Every Thursday evening at 7.30 the group meets at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., for a Torah study program followed by a guest lecturer at 8.45 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 20, the Torah study will be led by **Shalom Eisenstat**. Guest scholar, at 8.45, will be **Jacob Israeli**, who will discuss The Jew and Israel in the Arab Press.

For more information, contact **Jonathan Shiff** in the afternoons at 789-2193.

And What Else Is New...

MIXED-MARRIEDS DISCUSSION

The mixed-marrieds discussion program on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple library, offers an opportunity for couples who are mixed-married (one partner is Jewish, the other is not) to share and discuss issues of mutual concern.

If you are interested in joining the discussion program or know of others who might be interested, or would like further information, contact **Sandy Wise**, coordinator, department of Jewish living, at the temple at 789-3291.

BOOK AND GIFT SALE

Be sure to drop by at the book and gift sale sponsored by Chai Chapter, Toronto Women's ORT, on Tuesday, Nov. 18, and Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at North York Municipal Building, 5100 Yonge St.

You'll find a large selection of new books on every subject, new records, cassettes, pictures and gifts plus much more, all at giveaway prices.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION MONTH

This coming week's programs marking Holocaust Education Month include:

Friday, Nov. 14 — A View From the Forest, photographs and recollections by **Faye Schulman**, partisan and photographer, following a brief service at 7.30 p.m. at Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave.....The Dutch Resistance with author-poet **Maria Jacobs**, at the Oneg Shabbat at 8.30 p.m. at Congregation Solel, 2399 Falkway Dr., Mississauga.

Saturday, Nov. 15 — Shoah and the New Generation at 8 p.m. at Tzavta, 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 158. Sponsored by B'nai Akiva, Habonim Dror, Hashomer Hatzair and Young Judaea.

Sunday, Nov. 16 — Our Precious Legacy, Survivors' Village exhibits and presentation of life before the war, with **Benjamin Meed**, president, American Gathering - Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, from 1-5 p.m. at Survivors' Village, Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation, 12 Heaton St., Downsview. Co-sponsored by Lodzer Centre and Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Toronto Jewish Congress.....The Deschenes Commission, Kurt Waldheim - Current Issues lectures with McGill University law professor **Irwin Cotler**; **Michael Meighen**, counsel, Deschenes Commission, and **Les Scheininger**, past president, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, at 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Sponsored by congregation adult education committee.

Monday, Nov. 17 — Holocaust, Could It Happen Again? with **Joachim Schoenfeld**, author of Shtetl and Holocaust Memoirs, at Holocaust Memorial and Education Centre, Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. Sponsored by the centre.

Wednesday, Nov. 19 — How Do I Tell My Children?, a panel with **Margie Levitt**, chairman, Holocaust Education Month; **Michael Brown**, professor of humanities, York University, and educators **Dr. Pearl Karal** and **Harold Lass**, at 8 p.m. at Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St. Sponsored by Parent Council of Hebrew Day Schools.

Thursday, Nov. 20 — Holocaust Denial lecture with **Manuel Prutchi**, national and regional director of community relations, Canadian Jewish Congress, at 8 p.m. at Holocaust Memorial and Education Centre, Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. Sponsored by the centre.

VANCOUVER JCC

To celebrate Jewish Book Month, the Showcase for Canadian Jewish Writers is presenting a reading by Israeli poet **Yehuda Amichai** on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at Vancouver's Jewish Community Centre.

It will be preceded by a book sale beginning at noon, a talk by **Phyllis Simon** on How to Choose Books for Your Children at 1.30 p.m. and a children's story time at 4.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

On Saturday, Nov. 29, Le Chapitre Soleil, B'nai B'rith Women, is holding a dinner dance to celebrate its 10th anniversary, featuring The Star Band Orchestra and entertainment by Oriental dancer **Jamila**. It all takes place at Garnett Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave., W., Thornhill.

Tickets are $26.50 per person. There will be door prizes and a cash bar. For tickets, call **Mimi Amzalag** at 665-4490 or **Marlene Ohahon** at 493-9609.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Baycrest Centre needs the assistance of a male volunteer for the Tuesday afternoon swim program. The water is warm, so just jump right in, get wet and help out.

Also, Baycrest Hospital needs your talent. Come share your gift of musical or vocal talent, or any magical trick you may have up your sleeve. To help patients celebrate their birthday, the hospital gives a party every third Sunday of the month. Share your talent and increase their enjoyment!

To volunteer, call 789-5131, ext. 2575.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

The Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, located at 788 Marlee Ave., announces that registration is now open for winter courses in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced (for adults and teenagers).

The courses will commence Jan. 13 through to May 5. Classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The beginners course uses the audio-visual method of instruction.

For consultation and registration, call **Joseph Klinger** at 787-0197.

SHALOM VILLAGE HAMILTON

Here's the rest of the list of November events at Hamilton's Shalom Village Retirement Home:

Sunday, Nov. 16 — Simcha Sunday with entertainment by **Arnie Wiskin** at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19 — **Gloria Silverman** speaking on Jewish Culture at 1.30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 27 — Slide show on Israel with **Rabbi Eisenstein** at 7.30 p.m.

Other regular programs include exercises with **Bernie Burg**, films, bingo, bowling, baking and discussion groups.

DESIGN-A-BOOKMARK TIME

It's Design-A-Bookmark time again! Yes, it's the time of year when North York Public Library invites children of all ages to design a colorful, exciting bookmark in celebration of Children's Book Festival, Nov. 15-22.

One winner of each of four age groups will be selected at each library branch and bookmobile to receive book prizes. Twelve grand award winners will have their designs reproduced in full color and distributed by the library. Special awards will go to four children who submit unique designs.

Full details and entry forms are available at all library branches.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Judea Lodge B'nai B'rith, is holding a Trivia Night on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m. at Garnett Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave., Thornhill. Along with the fun there will be a door prize of a $100 gift certificate courtesy Walters Jewelers, refreshments and game prizes.

Admission is $7 in advance, $10 at the door. For tickets, call 731-4900 or 789-1677.

U OF T BOOKROOM

November happenings at the University of Toronto Bookroom, 214 College St., continue on Tuesday, Nov. 18, when **Pierre Berton** will be autographing his new book, Vimy. Then on Thursday, Nov. 20, **Maureen Forrester** will be on hand to autograph her book, Out of Character, followed on Tuesday, Nov. 25, with **Josef Skvorecky** and his book, Dvorak In Love.

All three autograph sessions take place from 12.30-1.30 p.m. on the second floor of the book room. For further information, call 586-7907.

DR. FILDERMAN LODGE BB

At the Nov. 5 meeting of Dr. W. Filderman Lodge, B'nai B'rith, (the Romanian lodge), the speaker was lodge member **Adrian Baranga**. Mr. Baranga, who was a lawyer in his native Romania and editor of Ecouri Romanesti (Romanian Echoes) here in Toronto, spoke about **David Ben Gurion** and also **Elie Wiesel** on the occasion of his being awarded the Nobel Prize for peace.

HILLEL/JSU, U OF T

This coming week's events arranged by B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation/Jewish Students' Union of the University of Toronto include:

Friday, Nov. 14 — Shabbat dinner at JSU House, 604 Spadina Ave., at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 15 — Amateur Night 86 featuring **Bishwambhar Dass**, professional magician from A Little Night Music, and talented students from U of T. Doors open at 8.30 p.m. Show begins at 9. It takes place at Wymilwood Hall Terrace Room, 150 Charles St. W. Everyone welcome. Refreshments will be served. Cost is $4 with JSU card, $5 without.

Thursday, Nov. 20 — Annual Israel Day celebration at U of T in Sidney Smith lobby, 100 St. George St., complete with food, music, fashions, tours and travel, dancing, exhibits, crafts and study abroad information, all from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SHARING

Many older women who are living alone could enjoy the benefits of companionship and reduced costs provided by shared living. Sharing, a non-profit agency, matches potentially compatible people for shared accommodation.

At present Sharing's clientele includes a number of mature Jewish women who would like to share their homes or apartments with other women near their own age.

To make an appointment for an interview, call 591-1657.

SKIRT AND SWEATER SALE

The Auxiliary of the North York Branch of the Ontario Humane Society is having a $1.99 and $2.99 skirt and sweater sale (a free blouse with a $2.99 purchase) at the Thrift Shop, 300 Wilson Ave. (just west of Bathurst) Nov. 20-22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Total proceeds will be used to care for animals at the Animal Shelter in North York.

CHILDREN'S WINTER WONDERLAND

Girls and boys, ages 8-15, can participate in

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BOOK FAIR CONTEST WINNERS

Happy winners of the Jewish Book Fair bookmark contest are (from left): Judith Peransen (1st prize), 7½, of United Synagogue Day School Bathurst campus; Rachel Kohm (2nd prize), 9, of Temple Sinai Hebrew School, and Melanie Herschorn, 6, of United Synagogue Day School Bayview campus. Awarding the prizes is Jill Weinburger of Book Fair's youth boks and program committee. About 150 entries from 11 different schools were submitted and all were displayed at the fair.

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a winter camp experience at the Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, near Parry Sound, from Sunday, Dec. 21 to Friday, Dec. 26.

The package includes cross-country ski classes, equipment, winter sports and crafts with experienced instructors and counselors. All food services are under the supervision of Canadian Jewish Congress.

For more information, call the Jewish Camp Council at 964-8842.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS WORKSHOP

A workshop for survivors and children of survivors of the Holocaust takes place Sunday, Nov. 23, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. The purpose is to explore the emotional impact of the Holocaust. Leaders are **Dr. Henry Fenigstein** and **Doris Strub Epstein**.

For information and registration, call 787-5331.

FAMILY WINTER VACATION

Here's a chance to ski or hike and enjoy winter. From Sunday, Dec. 21-28, the Jewish Camp Council is offering cross-country ski packages at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre near Parry Sound.

Packages include accommodation, sauna, movies-video, full American plan (food services under supervision of Canadian Jewish Congress), cross-country ski classes and use of all trails, tobogganing, snowshoeing and a wide variety of outdoor and indoor activities. Evening babysitting will be available.

Take advantage of one of two packages offered, or make up your own. Call the Jewish Camp Council at 964-8842 for further information.

VEGETARIAN BANQUET

The annual Century Club Banquet (vegetarian buffet) of the Canadian Natural Hygiene Society takes place Sunday, Nov. 23, at 6 p.m. at the Latvian Canadian Cultural Centre, 4 Credit Union Dr. (off Eglinton E.).

In addition to the buffet, there will be entertainment by humorist **Max Huberman** and line dancing with **Ken Fennell**.

Cost is $25 per person. RSVP by Nov. 15. The number is 781-0359.

THORNHILL HEBREW DAY SCHOOL

Early registration for the September 1987 calendar year is now being accepted for the new Thornhill Day School program. Classes will be for children grades 1-4 and will be limited to 10 children per teacher. The classes will be held in a 9-room home.

Fees per child are $2,000 per year. To reserve a spot for your child, call the director, **Esther Ben-Bassat,** at 789-0896.

OLD SEWING MACHINE WANTED

Help is needed in locating an old, preferably portable, sewing machine, in any condition whatsoever, by Medina Stage Company, for the forthcoming production of **Aviva Ravel's** The Twisted Loaf at Holy Blossom Temple early in December.

If anyone has one stashed away in the attic, the company promises to treat it with TLC (tender loving care), together with an offer of two complimentary tickets so the owner can see his or her relic "perform." Please call 667-8347.

THYROID FOUNDATION

Eye Problems Associated with Thyroid Disease is the topic of the Nov. 22 meeting of the Thyroid Foundation, Metropolitan Toronto Chapter, being held at Sunnybrook Medical Centre lecture theatre, 2075 Bayview Ave., at 2 p.m. Guest speaker is **Dr. Jeffrey Hurwitz**, chief, division of opthalmology, Mount Sinai Hospital.

Refreshments will be served. Admission is free. For information, call 229-6406.

CRITICS' CHOICE SERIES

The Handmaid's Tale by **Margaret Atwood** and What's Bred in the Bone by **Roberston Davies** are two novels to be reviewed by **Prof. Elaine Newton** in her Critics' Choice literature series beginning in January at Temple Sinai. She will also review three other current works of fiction by authors **Anne Tyler, E.L. Doctorow** and **Rebecca Goldstein**.

The series will take place weekly on Monday afternoons at 1.30 from Jan. 5-Feb. 2. The course fee is $75. For further information, call **Greta Gray** at 223-5452.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Opportunities are available in a weekly program for volunteers to assist in the science department at St. Andrews Junior High School (Bayview and York Mills). Duties involve the setting up of the classroom for projects, as well as direct contact with students, checking that homework is completed or assisting with practical work in class.

Training is provided to adequately prepare the volunteers.

In addition, the woodworking department is seeking help with its daytime programs.

If you are available for 3-6 hours per week and interested in one of these positions, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

for seniors

Temple Sinai Seniors will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. at the temple, 210 Wilson Ave. Entertainer will be guitarist-vocalist **Arnie Wiskin**.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club is holding a general meeting on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 1.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. This is an important meeting, so please attend to discuss plans for the Chanukah party in December. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome. Charge is $1 members, $2 visitors. 1987 membership cards are now available. The 1987 executive includes **Manning Shore**, president; **Ben Katz**, vice-president; **Boris Coopersmith**, recording secretary; **Moe Kuchinsky**, treasurer, and **Sam Cynamon**, financial secretary. For information, call **Sam Cynamon** at 665-3724.

The Workmen's Circle Social Club is meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. There will be a free lunch for paid-up members and entertainment. At this meeting you can reserve for the Chanukah party. It is also the last day to pay in full for the Miami trip or there is an extra charge of $25. Non-members are welcome at the meeting.

At the **Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club** meeting on Monday, Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. you can look forward to a great afternoon with entertainment by singer-guitarist **Harry Weiss**. Refreshments will be served. Charge is members $1.50, guests, $2.....A reminder to all members to take advantage of the popular ongoing programs — folkdancing, Mondays, 10.30 a.m.; dancersize, Thursdays, 10.30 a.m.; oil painting, Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.; every other Monday at 1 p.m. a documentary film or current movie.....Miami holiday reservations are being filled very quickly. There are nine hotels to choose from and a bonus of your choice with every package deal — a 2-day round-trip to Disney World and Epcot Centre or a 2-day, 1-night cruise to the Bahamas. Also it is not too soon to reserve for the California trip planned for next May. For information call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5933.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50 has arranged a musicale recital, All My Life, for Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 1.30 p.m., featuring pianist **Sandy Lee**. Coffee and cake will be served. Everyone welcome. Charge for non-members of club $1.50.

On Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 1.30 p.m. **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** is presenting harpist **Jeanette Goldhar**.

Beth Sholom Seniors meets on Monday, Nov. 17, at 7.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton W. There will be entertainment and refreshments. For information call **Eve Donsky** at 782-1068.

A luncheon and theatre presentation, Sholom Aleichem, starring **Nehemiah Persoff** is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 30. The lunch at 12.30 p.m. is in the Senior Lounge of The Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. The play at 2 p.m. is in the Leah Posluns Theatre. Tickets at $12.50 members, $13.50 non-members, include lunch and theatre. Limited tickets are available. Call 636-1880.

Labor Zionist Alliance Senior Citizens Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. Light lunches are available.....The Cultural Circle meets on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. to noon for interesting lectures and discussions. On Tuesday, Nov. 18, **Mr. Roston** will discuss Peace Talks and Prospects in the Light of Current Developments.

Earl Bales Seniors' Place is having a fall dance with a live band on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 8-11 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard. Admission is members $3.50, non-members $4. Refreshments will be available. This dance is being organized by **Anne Soren**.....The next nutrition program with **Debbie Czernecki** takes place Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 11 a.m. to noon.....Come out on Wednesdays from 7.30-9.30 p.m. for the ballroom and line dancing with **Ada Goldblatt**. There is no charge.

The Wagman Centre's The Law and You series in cooperation with the Canadian Bar Association continues on Thursday, Nov. 20, with Professional Malpractice. The time is 7.30-9 p.m. at the centre, 55 Ameer Ave., Meeting

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LAS VEGAS NIGHT

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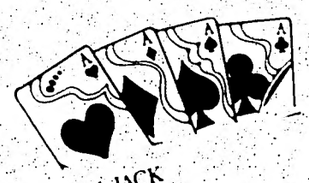

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The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Health Information lecture series get off to a start on Thursday, Nov. 27, at 1.30 p.m. with Hearing Aids, a presentation on currently available aids to the hearing impaired.

The Centre is offering several courses co-sponsored by the North York Board of Continuing Education. Courses are free to members and all seniors over 65. For information about them call **Barbara Resnick** at 225-2112.

Personal Grooming, two 2-hour sessions of classroom instruction with **Wendy Hradsky** will be held December 1 and 8 from 1.30-3.30 p.m. in the Music Room.

Refresher and Winter Driving with **Gord Keenan** runs Tuesdays, Nov. 25 and Dec. 2, 9, and 16 from 9.45-11.45 a.m. Classroom instruction only.

Jewish Social Etiquette: Life Cycles and Issues in the 80s, three 2-hour sessions with **Theresa (Terry) Winston** runs Fridays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Basic Bridge, 10 2-hour sessions with **Pauline Becker** begins Friday, Nov. 21 through to Feb. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 and over and on their own meets Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Music Room. **Terry Winston** will speak on Jewish Social Etiquette: Issues for the 80s. This is for members only and charge is $1.

A workshop entitled Training of Club Executives is slated for Thursday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information and registration call **Barbara Zigler** at 225-2112. Admission is free.

The Sunday afternoon program on Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. presents a concert with pianist **Rick Kardonne**. Admission is $1.50 members, $2 non-members.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Nov. 19 features CJN columnist **J.B. Salsberg**. The time is 1.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the lecture. Charge is members $1.25, non-members $1.75.

singles

JCC Valley Singles Network (formerly Singles Centre) Singles Support Group meets on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley upstairs party room, 7015 Leslie St. **Clifford Nelson** a lawyer specializing in family and the Child Welfare Act will discuss What It's Like to be a Family Law Lawyer. A question and answer period will follow. Admission is $2 members with cards, $3 non-members. For information call **Sally Kerbel** at 889-0813.

B'nai B'rith Women Nagillah Chapter, 40 plus singles group, will be meeting on Monday, Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith House, 15 Hove St. Program focuses on Violence Against Women with **Joan Burrell**, and lawyer **Jane Silver** from the Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic. Admission is $1. For information call **Betty** at 222-1281.

Beth Tikvah Chai Singles Group, (35 and over) is presenting an autumn dance and cabaret night on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 8.30 p.m. in the downstairs social hall of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Not only will there be a disc jockey, but the 4-member Roth family will provide entertainment. There will be munchies, refreshments and a cash bar. Admission is $6 members with cards, $8 visitors.

Club Moriah (20-30) is going to the movies on Tuesday, Nov. 18. For more information call **Ray** at 638-6005 (please leave message).

Mayfair West Racquet Club, 3855 Chesswood Dr., is holding a singles party with tennis and squash round robins, on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7.30 p.m. The cost is $15 non-members, $10 members. If you just want to come for the party after 9 p.m., it is $6 per person. Reservations are a must for tennis and squash. Call **Marcia Levine** at 638-1010.

Metro Toronto Singles presents Intercity Singles Gala on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. in the Convention Hall of the Triumph Skyline Hotel, 2737 Keele St. (at Hwy 401). Singles from Montreal, Toronto and Detroit have been invited. Five hundred Jewish singles attended the last Intercity party. Cover is $8. Dress code is jackets for men. For information call **Sid** 222-7111.

Join **Club Netanya**, the new co-ed 10-pin bowling league and social group that meets every other Saturday at 9.30 p.m. There are two divisions -- 20-40 and 40 plus (couples welcome). You are invited to the next open house on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd. (2 blocks north of Lawrence, west off Dufferin.) If you have not already registered, meet the executive in the party room at 8.45 p.m. Bowling starts at 9.30. For registration and information call **Howard** or **Harvey** at 636-9468 from 5-8 p.m. or **Stan** 638-0747 evenings, or Playtime Bowl at 787-7421.

A new group is being formed (ages 23-40) whose aim is to hold social, cultural and religious functions geared to our Judaic heritage. For the opening event on Wednesday, Nov. 25 there will be an open discussion on Women and Judaism. For further information on the group and time and place of the first meeting, RSVP by Nov. 20, **Sandra**, evenings at 787-3465 (no Shabbat calls), or **Daina** at 782-1588.

Attention 20-29-year-olds! On Saturday, Nov. 15, at 8.30 p.m. **High Society** will be holding a Ladies Night, at Michael's, 50 Bloor St. W. Ladies will be allowed in free all night long. Arrangements can be made for women who wish to attend the party, but don't want to do so alone. There will be videos, and dancing. Cover for the men is $7. For information call High Society at 783-8520.

Spend New Year's in the country from Wednesday, Dec. 31, to Sunday, Jan. 4, at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre. Package includes a New Year's party, winter sports, all meals, transportation and much more. Phone the Jewish Camp Council at 964-8842 for details.

Connections, a 3-part series of presentations and discussions for working singles taking place at the Royal Ontario Museum, Members' Lounge, concludes on Wednesday, Nov. 19, with Culture As the New Religion with **Suanne Kelman**, journalist and producer of The Diary on CBC's The Journal. Be there at 5.30 p.m. The $15 admission includes nibbles. There will a cash bar. For tickets and information, call 586-5788.

The Professional and University Educated group of **High Society** is forming a cross-country ski group. If necessary, ski instruction and advice about purchasing equipment will be provided. Car pools will be organized. For further information, call **Ady** at 923-1514.

Are you between 30 and 40 and interested in playing contract bridge on a regular basis? A group is looking for players. call **Jerry** at 787-4352.

About People

A TESTIMONIAL DINNER

The Labor Zionist Movement (Ontario Region) and Allied Societies in cooperation with State of Israel Bonds is holding a testimonial dinner in honor of veteran community leader and Zionist **Harry Weinstock** on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

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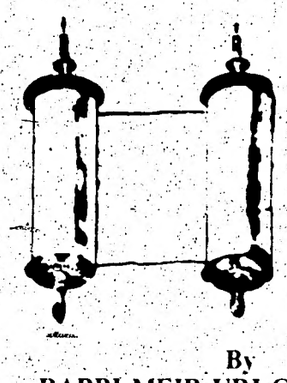

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Lech Lecha

A person is just a person. We have to know our limits, we have to know our smallness.

Reb Elimelech of Lizhnesk was exceedingly humble. He sat one day and reckoned all his faults and transgressions — so many that even the depths of hell were not sufficient for him!

But then his five disciples entered his chamber: the Chozeh of Lublin, the Apter Rav, Reb Mendel of Rimnov, the Maggid of Koznitz and Reb Moshe Leib of Sassov.

When he saw them, he brightened. "These students will save me from Gehinnom (hell)," he said to himself, "because the sages taught that it is not right that the students should be in Gan Eden and the teacher should be in Gehinnom. . . ."

* * *

What are our limits?

How much is enough? How much of this world do we have to gobble up?

Father Abraham entered Eretz Yisrael a poor man, in the midst of famine. He wandered through the desert down to Egypt — became wealthy overnight — and returned the way he came.

He went down poor, he came back rich.

"Va'yaal Avraham . . . vayelech limasauv . . . And Abraham went up out of Egypt . . . and went on his journeys. . . ."

Notes the commentator Rashi: "This teaches that he stayed in the same inns that he stayed on his way down. . . ."

What is Rashi teaching us?

But consider Abraham . . . He went down to Egypt with little money. He stayed in cheap hotels. He had to beg and borrow his way across the desert.

But on his way up he was rich. He could have stayed in 5-star tents, luxury motels.

But no! He stayed the same Abraham, the same modesty, the same simplicity. If the inexpensive motels were good enough before, they were good enough now.

He didn't forget who his friends were when he was poor; He didn't turn his back on who he was, and where he came from.

And we? Do we sometimes forget who helped us in the past? When prosperity blossoms, do we suddenly live more complicated lives than we have to?

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"VeAvraham kaveid mi-od . . . And Abraham was very heavy, with flocks and silver and gold. . . ."

Kaveid means heavy — loaded down.

Comments Reb Elimelech of Lizhensk: all this wealth was a heavy burden for Abraham. It was a test. What would happen? Would he waste his time with luxuries? Would he burn himself out with temptations?

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Wisdom is wealth.

The son of a famous rabbi became rabbi in a small town. The father teased his son: "Look what's become of you! You've become a rabbi of wagon drivers and shoemakers."

"True," answered the son, "but my wagon drivers and shoemakers are kosher to be witnesses. But even a great rabbi like you is not kosher to be a witness concerning his own son."

What is simple is beautiful. Shabbat Shalom.

At Technion

Biomedical advances proliferate

By
GAYE LEFEBVRE

TORONTO —

The location of a medical faculty at the Technion provides "a unique opportunity to apply engineering and technical concepts to medicine," says Prof. Samuel Sideman.

Sideman, chairman of the school's department of biomedical engineering, said in the keynote speech to the annual general meeting of the Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Technion Society that his field involves the coordination of many specialists including engineers, doctors and chemists.

Some of the department's current projects are blood treatment and purification, the development of artificial blood, and the study of the cardiac system, said the professor, who is spending a year at Rutgers University as a Distinguished Visiting Professor.

It is for cardiology that Sideman showed his greatest enthusiasm. He described a new technique developed at the Technion for viewing the intermediate stages of the heart's contractions, rather than just the beginning and end of the contraction.

Mark Friedman

This enables a doctor to detect problems which were not previously evident, he said.

Sid Cohen, outgoing president of the Toronto Chapter, told the meeting that with the reduction in Israeli government subsidies for higher education, the need for outside funds is more pressing.

To that end, Cohen presented Larry Wenger, chairman of the board, with a plaque honoring his work in forming the Governor's 500 Club in Toronto.

The club is "geared for the refurbishing of worn-out machinery to keep up with advancements," explained Wenger upon acceptance. The 500 stands for $500 per year for five years.

Many of Israel's accomplishments including the increase of its high-tech exports to $2 billion in 1985 from $25 million in 1965, are the result of "advanced technological education which is developed at the Technion," said Mannie Shimoni, the society's executive vice-president.

The Technion, in turn, depends on outside help, said Shimoni.

Mark Friedman, the new Toronto Chapter president, called for the "strengthening and revitalization of the Chapter." Since the Technion is on the frontline of Israel's defence, he said, "a gift to the Technion is gift to the future of Israel."

Friedman joined a family-owned lumber manufacturing business in 1961. Two years later, he went into partnership with his brother in the real estate and development business.

An active member of the Toronto Jewish community, Friedman was chairman of the Construction Division of UJA for Metro Toronto from 1978-80 and Major Gifts chairman in 1981. He is a board member of Holy Blossom Temple and a member of B'nai B'rith and many other community organizations.

He and his wife Merle have two sons and a daughter.

The other members of the executive for 1986/87 are: chairman of the region, Sid Cohen; chairman of the board, Larry Wenger; senior vice-presidents, Gary Goldberg and Arnold Recht; vice-presidents, Al Badner, David Buck, Irving Waltman, Jack Hahn and Harold Garfinkle; vice-presidents emeritus, Stephen Berger and Jacob Kosoy; members at large, Murray Belzberg, Ronnie Faust, Harry Kichler, Jean Glick, Joan Lipson, Harold Altman, Vivian Rakoff, Dave Jonas, Adam Buck, Freda Hahn, Lou Ronson, Bill Wiener, Marshall Cohen and Jack Chisvin.

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Jewish survival in small towns in spotlight

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Maintaining a Jewish identity and enhancing the quality of Jewish life when living outside major population centres is no mean feat.

Recently, about 30 communal leaders from a number of small Ontario communities gathered at the Congregation B'nai Israel in St. Catharines to discuss that problem.

With "Effective community planning — it's in your own backyard" as the theme, the participants took part in workshops, heard speakers and exchanged information and concerns about living as Jews in smaller communities such as Thunder Bay, Guelph, Sault Ste. Marie, and Niagara Falls.

Many of the frustrations of Jewish life in such small (Jewish) communities were discussed, said Sandy Brown, co-chairman of the community services committee of Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region, which sponsored the conference.

The unavailability of good Hebrew teachers, the inability to attract rabbis, the lack of resources such as books and people and concern over the future of their youth were some of the problems mooted at the day-long confab.

Two workshops were held to help devise strategies to tackle those problems, Brown told The CJN. The first offered "ways a community could undertake projects to bring them together — to help them help themselves," she said.

The other featured a personal testimony of one family's experience with Jewish education. Paul Klein and his daughter Talia of Guelph told how they used Friday nights as a time for the family to study aspects of Judaism together. They even provided examples of the texts they used to discuss everything from the Shulchan Aruch to the Jewish Almanac.

As part of the afternoon's program, Manuel Prutschi, national director of community relations for CJC, discussed religious education in the public schools. Prutschi noted that Congress' position is that with the advent of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, neither religious instruction nor exercises (such as prayers or readings) should be allowed in the public school system.

Congress' concern (and that of the parents from small communities, said Brown) is that, despite the right of students to absent themselves from the religious programs, holding exercises in the classroom "compels children to differentiate themselves from their peers."

That exemption discriminates against the children by singling them out as against the majority of the students, Prutschi said. The problem is especially acute in smaller communities "which are homogeneous, so the child from a minority background stands out more."

Prutschi noted the intervention by Congress in the case of Zylberberg et al versus the Sudbury Board of Education, where a group of parents from various backgrounds (including Jewish) challenged the reading of the Lord's Prayer in public schools.

Three District Court judges rejected that position, but the case will be appealed.

Parallel to CJC's legal efforts is a lobbying campaign aimed at convincing politicians of the need to alter the law to take religious education out of the schools, Prutschi said.

Education minister Shawn Conway announced several months ago the creation of an in-house committee to study the issue, he added.

Noting the changing public mood and the effect of the Charter, Prutschi predicted we are "close to the end of the tunnel." Within two years, he speculated, there could be a change through either a court decision or through legislation to take prayers and religious education out of public schools.

Summing up the conference, the 6th sponsored by CJC Ontario Region, Brown said it was held to assist communal leaders develop methods to take back to their communities to continue their work in meeting the challenges faced by Jews in small communities.

Brown said she hoped the formal yearly conference would be supplemented by more frequent, informal meetings.

Also attending the conference were representatives from local, provincial and federal government.

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87 firms honored for forging trade with Israel

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

For the first time in 38 years, Israel has narrowed the trade gap between itself and Canada to the point of near parity, Israel's ambassador to Canada said recently.

But the trend in closing the "negative trade gap" does not indicate that Israel is interested in cutting back Canadian imports, Eliashiv Ben-Horin added. Rather it indicates Israel is selling more here.

Trade with Israel was the subject on the plate at a luncheon jointly sponsored by the government of Israel and the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Eighty-seven Canadian corporations dealing in everything from food and flowers to electronic goods and fashions were honored at the luncheon "in recognition of outstanding contributions in the forging of international trade links with Israel."

Guest speaker Barney Danson, former Canadian defence minister, noted the "greater acceptance of Israeli products, especially "for high tech products for which Israel is world renowned."

An agreement between Canada's National Research Council and the Office of the Chief Scientist of Israel's ministry of industry and trade, struck in late September, promises to reinvigorate bilateral trade, he added.

That trade agreement, the first of its kind for Canada, is aimed at spurring joint research and development projects between the two countries, according to Gabriel Regev, executive director of the CICC. Under the terms of the agreement, joint projects will be subsidized to a maximum of $1 million per project per year, with the two governments splitting the costs equally. Each program may receive funding up to a 3-year maximum.

Geared for small to medium-sized businesses, the funds are expected to provide money for idea-rich but capital-poor companies to put their innovations into concrete form. Regev said scientific and technological institutes in Israel have "tremendous innovations sitting on the shelf" for lack of funding.

The program will also aid Canada acquire innovations in areas where Israeli technology is a leader, he added. Those areas include pharmacology, telecommunications, medical equipment, food processing techniques, robotics and computer aided design and manufacturing techniques (CAD/CAM).

The future for growth in Israeli exports lies in the high tech field, Regev said. And in recent years, Israeli entrepreneurs have "discovered Canada" and the potential of its multi-billion import market.

Regev said the Canada-Israel agreement follows similar Israeli deals with the United States, Holland, France and South Africa. And an agreement between Israel and the European Economic Community in 1975 that calls for incremental reductions in tariffs will see segments of Israeli industry (though not the agricultural sector) able to export to EEC countries duty free beginning in 1991.

Speaking at the Four Seasons Hotel before about 225 guests from the business community, Danson noted Israel's exports to Canada during the first eight months of 1986 jumped 54% over a similar period in 1985 and stood at an 8-month high of $94.7 million. Canada's exports to Israel dropped 27% in the same period to about $95 million.

Danson concluded his remarks by calling for new joint projects to produce Israeli goods in Canada and for joint ventures in Israel that could assist Canadian corporations enter the European market.

Speaking on behalf of the companies honored by Israel and the CICC, Sam Roth of Canadian International High Technology Incorporated (CIHT) said the "surface has just been scratched" in terms of trade, especially in the high tech sphere.

CIHT does 90% of its business with Israel companies such as Degem Systems Ltd.; Atir Ltd and PAMA, the manufacturing arm of Kibbutz Mishmar Hanegev, which produces electronic testing equipment and gas detection devices, he said.

David Goldstein, the president of CICC who acted as chairman of the luncheon, said the trade organization hopes to aid both Israeli and Canadian businesses in establishing contacts to facilitate business deals.

A highlight of the upcoming year will be *Technology 2000*, a 3-day trade fair to be held in Toronto, tentatively scheduled for 1987. It will showcase about 50 Israeli high tech companies and will give about 300-400 Canadian businesspeople the opportunity to meet their Israeli counterparts and arrange joint ventures, licencing agreements and other business opportunities.

Here is a list of companies honored at the luncheon:

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Oxfurd games make you think

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

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Each Shuffle player is dealt a hand of 10 letter cards and several Challenger cards. The latter are put out one at a time for the players' word associations. For a Challenger card reading color, for example, players try to form RED or BLACK, or a name like BOND, which can be associated with the metallic color in the word Goldfinger. Points are awarded according to length of word.

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Is must an elephant in heat? Yes.

Is a colporteur a Bible salesman, singer or coal transporter? The right yes is for the first definition.

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Organizations and People

Author cites tendency to lean to the left

American Jewish vote called "curious anomaly"

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Except in the United States, it is no longer taken for granted that Jews vote for left-of-centre, liberal governments, says a leading Jewish thinker in the U.S.

Milton Himmelfarb, a contributing editor of Commentary Magazine and author of *The Jews of Modernity*, told a University of Toronto seminar recently that only in the U.S. is it understood that Jews will almost always vote left-of-centre.

The image of the "Jewish vote" going to politicians who espouse social, humane and liberal policies is alive and well in the U.S., Himmelfarb, a former director of research at the American Jewish Congress, said in delivering the annual Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lecture.

Jews have historically leaned to the left, Himmelfarb said, and in the U.S., that has translated into only one-third of the Jewish vote going to Ronald Reagan in the 1984 presidential election.

That, he said, is the same ratio as the Hispanic vote in the U.S. Hispanics, on a national scale much poorer than Jews, voted one-third for Reagan and two-thirds for candidate Walter Mondale.

The anomaly of the politics of American Jews is that U.S. Jews have a median income that is higher than the median income of most other ethnic groups, a phenomenon that runs counter to prevailing thinking that the better-off tend to vote Republican, Himmelfarb explained.

"No other group has such a discrepancy between its socioeconomic position and its voting record," he said.

That discrepancy was even more pronounced in the 84 vote, in which Jews gave Reagan a lower percentage of their vote than they did in 1980, whereas other ethnic groups increased their votes for Reagan.

This phenomenon has led to the saying among Jews in the U.S. that "Jews vote like Hispanics, only more so."

And among Jewish women, the trend to the left is even more prevalent, Himmelfarb added. In 1980, more Jewish women voted for Jimmy Carter than Jewish men voted for Reagan, resulting in a Jewish plurality for Carter.

The tendency to lean to the left is seen even among young American Jews. Jewish university freshmen are less to the left than they were a decade ago, but they are still more to the left than their non-Jewish contemporaries, Himmelfarb noted.

However, the American Jewish voting record is not consistent with Jewish votes in France and England, he pointed out. In 1981, French Jews tended to vote for the Socialists but by 1983, they were to the right of the general elecorate.

And in England, 59%, or 17 of the 29 Jewish Members of Parliament are Tories, while in 1966, 38 of the 40 Jewish MPs, or 95%, were Labor.

Himmelfarb suggested that U.S. Jews "can afford" to be "small-l" liberal because of their relative affluence.

The "curious anomaly" of American Jewish politics is that American Jews will vote Democrat despite Democratic candidates for President such as Jesse Jackson, whose statements about Jews raised ire in the 1984 vote, and despite Republicans like former United Nations ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, who was seen as a friend of Israel.

Until now, U.S. Jews have been able to reconcile being "left" and supporting "right-wing" Israeli governments, but Himmelfarb predicts that one day, American Jews may have to choose "between being left and being Jewish."

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Organizations and People

Tribute dinner for Winnipeg native

Bob Hall gives lesson in humility

By
—PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
The Primrose Club recently honored Robert "Bob" Hall for "meritorious and dedicated service to the community."

It could just as easily have honored him for his humility, humanitarian spirit and his willingness to share the spotlight with others.

About 125 friends and family of Bob Hall on hand at a tribute dinner for the Winnipeg native were stirred to offer a standing ovation for the man who works so hard on behalf of the Variety Club children's charity.

Hall moved those present by recounting the feelings that come from helping disadvantaged and crippled children through Variety Club and by placing the credit not on those like himself who are fund raisers, but on the doctors, speech therapists, psychologists and nurses "who stay behind with 'our' children" when the fund raisers go home.

"They are the real heroes," he said. "I'm just another soldier in the ranks."

Hall and the other speakers who graced the lectern harkened back to his youth in Winnipeg where his devotion to community service first took shape.

His father, a kosher butcher, made a lot of sacrifices so his mother Rose could travel organizing Hadassah chapters across the country.

He recalled a story that illustrated his family's values: "A man, who never contributed to the community, asked Rose 'Do you know how much my son (who also gave nothing) is worth?' 'No, it's not how much he's worth, it's how much he's got,' she replied. 'He's got $2 million, but he isn't worth (anything).' "

Hall credited his mother for installing in him the "inner need, ambition and drive" to work for charities like the Variety Club.

Although his older brother Monty was not present, a videotape message brought congratulations. Recounting the days of brotherly hijinks back in Winnipeg, Monty Hall also noted his brother was the "most sincere and dedicated human being I've seen."

Their father was proud of their work for Variety Club (both have been international presidents of the organization), Monty said. He used to ask " 'Who are the Kennedys anyhow?' "

Boyhood chum Jack Chisvin, who's known Bob Hall for more than 40 years, called him an eminent lawyer, raconteur ...consort of presidents and prime ministers. Actually, "he's an imposter. He's really Bobby Halparin, the butcher's son from north Winnipeg."

From his family, Hall obtained dignity, a sense of morality and lofty aspirations, Chisvin said.

Moe Himelfarb, chief barker of Variety Club, described Hall's devotion to that charity, while Carl Keyfetz, the 1980 winner of the award, and dinner master of ceremonies J. K. Wahl added their congratulations.

Senator David Croll described the criterion for obtaining the award and noted a $1,000 check will go to the charity of Hall's choice (a playground commemorating his mother, payable to the Jewish National Fund).

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson opened the dinner by saying the hamotzi.

Elscint scanner given high praise from doctor

By
MOURA WOLPERT

Money from Bonds, Israel high-tech produce a winner

BURLINGTON, Ont. —
When regional Bonds director Fanny Davine discovered in Israel last summer that the first Canadian hospital to acquire the Elscint CT scanner was right here in Burlington, her enthusiasm knew no bounds.

It's largely thanks to money provided by Israel Bonds that Elscint today manufacture some of the finest and most advanced medical diagnostic imaging equipment in the world — but how many people know that? she wondered.

At Joseph Brant Hospital, chief of radiology Dr. Dennis Bell is not familiar with Bonds but his enthusiasm for the Elscint scanner, if more restrained, equals that of Fanny Davine.

"It's the most advanced model of its kind in the world," he says. "State of the art technology."

The hospital bought the scanner last spring after what Bell describes as "a long political struggle."

First, the provincial government had to approve the purchase of a CT scanner. Once approval was obtained, a selection committee consisting of three radiologists, materials manager, administrative representative and the chief of technology began the search for the right scanner, explained assistant executive director of planning, Lorna McDonald, who was also a member of the committee.

"We developed a list of criteria and weighed all considerations that went along with those criteria," she said. Seven of the eight companies approached responded and eventually the list was narrowed down to three.

After exhaustive checks of hospitals and clinics "we developed a bottom line and the Elscint 2400 was the winner." The total cost was $1.4 million, and the scanner has been in operation since last June. Bell shows it off to a totally unscientific, computer illiterate reporter.

He opens the scanner to explain how its beams make a 360-degree circuit around the patient and how, within seconds, the information is fed into the computer. At the console next door, the doctor or technician can watch the body parts being scanned. A brain scan, for instance, with slice after slice of the brain cut away to reveal every section, takes a mere 20 minutes, all information is instantly available and recorded simultaneously in four places.

But it is when Bell leads the way into another room housing the 3-dimensional display equipment that his enthusiasm and pride become fully apparent.

Demonstrating a patient's jawbone, he twists it this way and that on the screen, cutting away at the bone to reveal a cyst right inside the back of the bone.

"You can turn it to look at it sideways, from underneath, anyway you want. It is absolutely amazing for a computer to be able to do this. You won't see this anywhere except on the Elscint."

Previously, often risky invasive procedures would have had to be employed to locate the cyst. With the scanner, its exact location can be determined within minutes without so much as touching the patient.

Other 3-D systems are available but as a May 1986 article in Diagnostic Imaging, the news magazine of radiology, nuclear medicine and ultrasound points out, "their disadvantages include not only the cost of the software system but the time and effort required to produce the image displays . . . about 30 minutes to load the magnetic tapes and another 45 minutes to generate the 3-D image."

"It's because of the highly developed microcomputer technology that the Israelis have that the equipment is so advanced," says Bell, who traveled to Israel to convince himself of Elscint's viability and reliability. "When I came back," he adds, "I recommended that we buy it."

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CKFM and Bonnie Stern project

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TORONTO —

A new cookbook with recipes for everything from linguine with smoked salmon and lemon sauce to playdough will bring some tasty (or playful) possibilities to the purchaser and a donation to The Hospital For Sick Children.

The recently published CKFM Bonnie Stern Cookbook, a special project celebrating the 10th anniversary of the radio station's Hour Toronto Magazine is out and available.

Stern regularly contributes recipes to the program, hosted by Judy Webb and Dave Agar, and the book (sponsored by Astro Dairy Products Ltd.) features recipes most requested by listeners over the years. It includes a special section for kids.

All proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to the CKFM Children's Fund in support of the Hospital For Sick Children, the radio station states through a release.

Stern says she became involved with the project because she has two young children and wanted to make a contribution to the hospital. Between 2,000 and 2,500 books have already been sold at $14.95, she says.

Organizers hope to sell 10,000 before the holiday season, and the goal is to raise $100,000 from the project, says Stern, who has her own cooking school.

The book is available at: CKFM 24 St. Clair Ave. W., and the Bonnie Stern School of Cooking, 6 Erskine Ave. By phone (Visa only): 251-3301 ($14.95 plus $2 postage and handling). By mail, send check or money order for $14.95 plus $2 postage and handling to: CKFM Cookbook PO Box 9300, Station A, Toronto, M5W 2C7.

A couple of Stein's recipes:

Linguine with smoked salmon and lemon sauce: ¼ cup unsalted butter; 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped; 1 cup whipping cream; peel of one lemon; 8 oz smoked salmon, diced; 2 tbsp lemon juice; 1 tsp salt; 1 lb linguine; 2 tbsp vodka; ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese; salt; freshly ground pepper and nutmeg to taste; 2 tbsp chopped fresh dill or green onions.

Heat the butter in a large skillet and cook the garlic until fragrant and tender but not brown. Add the cream and boil gently until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Add the smoked salmon and cook just until heated through.

Meanwhile, bring a large pot of water to a boil and add the salt. Add the linguine. If using dried pasta, cook for about 12 minutes until tender; cook fresh pasta for about 4 minutes.

Drain the linguine well and toss with the cream mixture, lemon juice, vodka and cheese. Toss until the cream clings to the pasta and thickens. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Sprinkle with fresh dill.

Playdough: 1 cup all-purpose flour; ½ cup salt; 2 tbsp cream of tartar; 1 cup water; 2 tbsp vegetable oil; food coloring (paste food colorings are more intense and vibrant).

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Where to find Israel Radio

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

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The broadcasts are valuable for those interested in keeping up on news and lifestyles in Israel, according to Idele Ross, a program editor and reporter for the station who was in Toronto recently. What's more, the information provided on one of the station's evening broadcasts goes into far greater depth than the 1½-minute spots presented on the major network news shows.

Following a 12-minute newscast, the programs switch to features like the popular *Letterbox*, where listeners' queries on an almost unlimited range of subjects are answered.

Israel Mosaic, a human interest magazine, covers aspects of life in Israel from Project Renewal to the country's space exploration program.

Kol Israel, an independent broadcasting authority funded by the Israel government and the Jewish Agency, employs a staff of 15 in the newsroom and five working on features, Ross said.

Most staff are olim from the U.S., Great Britain and South Africa, and include three Canadians: Linda Epstein, an announcer from Halifax; David Essing, a reporter and editor from New Brunswick; and Ben Dalfen, a sound technician from Quebec.

The service has proven quite successful, said Ross, a native of Detroit. The station regularly receives more than 1,000 letters per month from as far afield as Canada, the U.S., Cyprus, Nigeria, India and Czechoslovakia.

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Organizations and People

"Mutilating" and killing, says ex-dissident

"Monster" Gorbachev trying to frighten Jews

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is "a monster" who is "mutilating" and killing imprisoned Jews in order to scare Soviet Jews out of trying to emigrate, says a former leading Jewish dissident in the Soviet Union.

Yaacov Gorodetsky told a recent meeting of the Toronto Inter-Faith Council on Soviet Jewry at Holy Blossom Temple that Jews in Soviet prisons are being tortured, killed and "crippled" in an attempt to scare Soviet Jews out of applying to leave and end once and for all the Jewish emigration issue.

Despite the human face he presents to the West, Gorbachev has been worse for the Jews than any leader since Stalin, Gorodetsky told the meeting of Catholic, Anglican and Jewish religious leaders.

A mathematician and computer specialist now living in Jerusalem, Gorodetsky inquired about immigrating to Israel in 1980 but was turned down right away because he had no first-degree relatives living there.

He was dismissed from his job and became a leading figure in the Jewish dissident movement in Leningrad. It was there he became the organizer of a major Jewish cultural seminar in the city and coordinated Jewish cultural activities, including theatre, music and the establishment of the Society for Jewish Culture and Tradition.

In 1983, Gorodetsky initiated a daring campaign against the writings of the anti-semitic journalist Lev Korneyev. This, coupled with Western support, stemmed Korneyev's activities for half a year.

In early 1984, he initiated an even more courageous campaign for Jewish repatriation, with a nationwide petition signed by hundreds of Refuseniks, many of whom were released.

The Soviet secret police — the KGB — turned off Gorodetsky's electricity, cut his telephone service and told his wife she must keep them informed of her husband's activities. His plight was taken up by hundreds of people in the West, including two U.S. senators.

In February of this year, Gorodetsky, his wife and daughter were given exit visas. Because he had never formally applied to leave, he wasn't considered a Refusenik. Technically, he was expelled for his activities, an extreme rarity in the Soviet Union.

By intimidating Jews, Gorbachev hopes to scare them out of trying to leave, Gorodetsky said, and it's a tactic that may work.

Recently, Gorbachev said that no more than 2,000 or 3,000 Jews want to leave the Soviet Union (according to most Western sources, there are at least 400,000 Jews waiting to emigrate). Gorodetsky said about 20,000 are actively applying and re-applying but if current levels of intimidation continue, the number may very well shrink to Gorbachev's estimate.

Longtime Refusenik Josef Begun is a diabetic, Gorodetsky explained, and recently, his prison diet was changed to aggravate his condition. Now, Begun can't even stand up.

Another leading Refusenik, Yuli Edelshtein, was beaten in prison so badly that he is now a cripple, Gorodetsky said.

Alexey Magarik, a Jewish cellist and Refusenik arrested on drug smuggling charges last March, was beaten in prison just last week, according to Canadian Jewish Congress.

And it is not only Jews facing torture in prison, he added. Catholics, Pentecostals and Baptists are also being maimed. In fact, the plight of non-Jewish dissidents is more precarious because they represent an entirely internal matter, Gorodetsky said.

In trying to appear more tolerant, Gorbachev is not ordering new Refusenik arrests, Gorodetsky said, but he is stepping up the campaign of fear.

"His (Gorbachev's) goal is not to kill or cripple, but to destroy the issue," he said. "A lot of people are misled by Gorbachev."

One way to get the Soviets to amend their policy is to "embarrass" them on the world stage of public opinion, Gorodetsky suggested.

Jewish-Arab conciliator will hold workshops

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Encounters between Jewish and Arab youth: No, not with sticks and stones but as friends.

Impossible? Not according to Bruria Barish, recently elected chairperson of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, who's been conducting workshops for Jewish and Arab teenagers in Israel.

On Sunday morning, Nov. 16, Barish will be at Temple Anshe Sholom to talk to the Breakfast Club about the experiment. In the afternoon she will conduct a workshop for the upper grades of the temple's religious school and on Monday, Nov. 17, she will be at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto to conduct a workshop for teachers.

Named Heart to Heart, these Jewish-Arab youth encounters were started several years ago by Bruria Barish, a Romanian-born Holocaust survivor, as a project of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism.

For a week during the summer and for several days during each school vacation, Jewish and Arab youth meet at a boarding school in the countryside.

"Most arrive with trepidations. All overcome them. Many leave as friends," states a brochure.

The structured workshops are designed to create dialogue. The teenagers talk to one another, play, swim, dance and sing together and gain increased understanding of one another during their time together.

"This is actually only a small step in building our future together in Israel but progress can be made even with small steps," states Barish, whose volunteer work over the years has included work with children from underprivileged neighborhoods and helping bereaved families of fallen soldiers.

Perceiving that the divisions between Israeli Jewish and Arabs were growing wider and harboring a belief that this was based on a "fear of the unknown," she set about creating the Heart to Heart experience.

"Some parts of the organization have become easier. We have an excellent staff of devoted Arab and Jewish counselors," explains Barish. "And we have participants in each session who already have been sensitized during previous camps, thereby helping to make the first-timers feel at ease."

The dialogue begun by Heart to Heart among these Jewish and Arab youths — "Israelis all" — often continues in phone calls, letters and even visits to one another's homes.

The new season of Temple Anshe Sholom Breakfast Club programs includes a lecture by Peter Potichnyji, professor of political science at McMaster University, on Ukrainian-Jewish Relations on Sunday, Nov. 30, and CJN columnist Elaine Kahn on Feminism in Judaism on Dec. 7.

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York alderman feted by friends, politicians

Ben Nobleman honored for 20 years of service

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Ben Nobleman celebrated his 20th anniversary as York's Ward 1 alderman at a recent tribute reception held in his honor at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

Among those offering their congratulations at the reception were Monte Kwinter, Ontario minister of consumer and commercial relations; Paul Godfrey, publisher of the Toronto Sun, Bob Rae, leader of the Ontario New Democratic party; and Barbara McDougall, federal minister of privatization and status of women.

Kwinter, who has known Nobleman for more than 30 years told the crowd of over 100 people that the alderman deserves special recognition for his concern for the elderly in his ward. "Thanks to Ben, Ward 1 has four senior citizen buildings," said Kwinter.

He added that Nobleman's creative and humanitarian efforts extend beyond the boundaries of his ward.

In his 20 years on council, the alderman has led such battles as increased Canadian content on radio and television, more Canadian headliners at the CNE grandstand and advocating increased affordable housing in Metro Toronto and Canada.

Rabbi Harvey Meirovich, spiritual leader of Beth Sholom, said that Nobleman is "certainly not a man who lives in isolation. He is a problem-solver, a care-giver and a soother and we are proud to count him as a member of the Jewish community."

Paul Godfrey praised Nobleman, saying that "he has given life to the community. He fights for causes that he believes in and never compromises his principles. I believe his constituents will want him for another 20 years."

McDougall told the crowd that she is "proud to be associated" with such an event. "Ben has chosen to spend his life helping people and he can do it with pride," she said.

Sheila Rothman, co-chairman of the anniversary committee presented Nobleman with a plaque honoring his 20th anniversary as alderman.

York Alderman Ben Nobleman has a corsage pinned on his lapel by his wife Norma as Monte Kwinter, Ontario minister of consumer and commercial relations, looks on. [Graphic Artists photo]

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ICRF finishes its best year ever

MONTREAL —

The Israel Cancer Research Fund (Canada) completed its "most successful year ever," and the organization will continue to make a priority "ensuring Israel's place as a world centre of scientific achievement in cancer research," retiring president Oscar Respitz said at ICRF's 8th annual meeting.

ICRF funds provide the "largest source" of support for cancer research, Respitz said.

"Not only have we followed our objective of harnessing Israel's best minds in the struggle against cancer, but we have also slowed the brain drain of scientists from Israel by supporting their basic research needs."

Respitz reported "substantial increases" in funds raised in Montreal, Toronto, and Ottawa through the ICRF Annual Gala, memberships, fellowships, tribunals, and donations.

Montreal chapter, and has been active with the Combined Jewish Appeal, State of Israel Bonds, the Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute of Science, and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

ICRF recently led a Nov. 10-21 mission to Israel with 22 participants from the United States and Canada. The event was highlighted by a scientific seminar in Jerusalem by ICRF fellows organized by Dr. Mark Wainberg, chairman of the ICRF (Canada) Scientific Advisory Board.

The meeting was also attended by incoming president Martin Kaplan; Dr. Yashar Hirshaut, president ICRF (U.S.); Irene Smith, past president, ICRF (Canada); Margie Goldhar, chairman of ICRF's Toronto branch; Faigie Zimmerman, Israel liaison to ICRF; Dr. Abraham Fuks, member of ICRF's advisory board; Wainberg; and meeting chairmen Joyce Tanner and Elsa Wendman.

Israeli scientists benefit

ICRF (Canada) and its U.S. counterpart reported funding more than 300 fellowships, grants, and career development awards to Israeli scientists working in major universities and research institutes in Israel, the U.S., and Canada.

Martin Kaplan, the incoming president, has been involved in ICRF activities for five years. A businessman, he is past president of the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan,

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Organizations and People

Among best in his age group in Canada

Hamilton's Rubenstein gets top tennis honors

By
MOURA WOLPERT

DUNDAS, Ont. — Mitch Rubenstein, a 15-year old Dundas high school student, has returned with top honors from the recent Eastern Tennis Association's indoor grand prix tournament for boys 16-and-under at Fairlawn, NJ.

It was a triumph for the unknown, unseeded and only Canadian, who first had to compete with 104 other young players for the eight qualifying places. Once in, he had to play the tournament's No. 1 seed, Bruce Hadad of New York, in the first round.

Rubenstein defeated him easily, 6-2, 6-0, won the next two matches equally easily, then played to a hard won victory in the final over No. 2 seed Derek Brown of Scarsdale, NY.

In grade 11 at Parkside High School, his marks are in the 70s and 80s. After school, his mother Norma drives him to Toronto, where he trains three hours a day, five days a week, at the National Tennis Centre under Andre LaBelle and Wendy Pattendon.

Weekends, if he's not away on a tournament, he'll often put in another four hours a day at a local club.

There's no doubt that he's one of the top players in his age group in Canada.

During the past year he won the Ontario championship and in Vancouver last summer he made the finals of the Canadian national championships.

On Nov. 14 he goes to Long Island for another grand prix tournament and at the end of the month to Boston for the American indoor nationals.

Mitch Rubenstein

He's been selected to play in the Orange Bowl tournament in December and in March he'll be competing in the Canadian indoor nationals at Quebec City. Next summer he hopes to win the Canadian national 18-and-under championship.

Mitch has been playing tennis since the age of 9 and "sort of fell into competition," his mother says. He just started winning and has been competing ever since. "He has an awful lot of talent and the desire to go on."

There's not much time for a social life but he has school friends, there's the tennis crowd and "he meets people from all over the world wherever he goes. He's well adjusted and happy and wherever he goes, he makes people laugh."

But, "one step at a time," says Norma about her son's future. "He wants to get an education and there are lots of things he wants to do." Meanwhile Mitch has his heart set on a tennis scholarship to Stanford University.

The entire family is proud of him. His father is Hamilton lawyer Michael Rubenstein and his 17-year old sister Shelli, an accomplished athlete herself who teaches figure skating part-time, describes her brother as a "sweet kid" who "deserves his success because he works so hard at it."

Last year all of them, including his grandparents, accompanied Mitch to Israel for the Maccabiah, where he won two bronze medals.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of

Louis Lunsky

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One-time teacher, Principal and active member of the Board of the Associated.

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Chatting at UJA "getting down to business" function are Harvey Rosen, Gella Rothstein, Paul Morton, Adrienne Offman and Max Handelman.

More than $350,000 raised

UJA event a "blockbuster"

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

"Getting down to business," a United Jewish Appeal Business Division event, turned into a "blockbuster of a day," say chairmen Gella Rothstein and Harvey Rosen.

The format: breakfast and guest speaker, followed by two hours of telephone canvassing, lunch, guest speaker and more canvassing. By day's end the total amount chalked up in pledges was more than $350,000.

Featured at breakfast was Avie Bennett, chairman and president of McClelland and Stewart, Canada's premier publishing house. Luncheon guest was Paul Morton, president and chief executive officer of Global Television Network.

Bennett, who was introduced by Nelson Reuben, Business Division coordinator, set the tone for the day's exercise with a warm account of personal anecdotes culled from his experiences in the publishing world since he joined McClelland and Stewart nine months ago.

He said it was totally different from his past working environment in real estate, but found he was enjoying himself immensely in this new milieu.

"It's pretty heady stuff lunching and dining with Canada's best known authors," he said.

A strong Canadian nationalist, Bennett said that publishing is "an integral part of the culture that makes this country great."

That, he said, was a primary motive for his agreeing to take over the publishing firm which has been in serious financial difficulties for some time.

He pointed out the need to foster and promote new young writers, and at the same time endeavor to bring McClelland and Stewart back on a sound financial footing.

Mel Gilbert, Insurance Division chairman, introduced Paul Morton, referring to him as "a 20th century renaissance man" with wide-ranging interests that take in the arts, media, sports, the Jewish and non-Jewish community.

Morton began by saying "we should recognize that we are all Jews. If we don't, there will always be someone to remind us. It's best to be up front and part of the community."

A native of Winnipeg, Morton recalled the time he was named president of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers football team — the first Jew to be appointed to the position — and the ensuing telephone threats to him and his family.

Back in 1974 when Global was experiencing financial problems, he was asked to help out and assumed his present position in 1977.

Morton sees television as an "electronic publisher of news," stating it was most important to arrive at a balanced view of world events "or you take a chance on losing credibility.

"To maintain that balance, you try to hire people whose views you know are consistent with high broadcast standards."

Morton, a Major Gifts associate chairman in the current campaign, stayed on after he spoke to join fellow canvassers on the telephones.

Also addressing both morning and noon gatherings were 1987 campaign co-chairmen Max Handelman and Adrienne Offman.

The day's format proved "so enjoyable and productive, it will probably be repeated next year," said Gella Rothstein and Harvey Rosen who were responsible for the concept and organization of "getting down to business."

Symposium on world Jewry to cover international scene

TORONTO —

A 1-day symposium on the state of the Jew in the world today will gather leading experts to apprise the local community of the international situation and what can be done about it.

The all day event will be held Sunday, Nov. 30 at the Lipa Green Building from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will include breakfast and lunch. It is sponsored by the international affairs committee of Canadian Jewish Congress.

"It is a unique event in that we are bringing people from all over to talk about where we are at in world Jewry at the present time," says Irving Abella, chairman of the international affairs committee.

"It is about those areas where Jews are in distress and where there is potential for distress; what we can do and what can be done. It is the responsibility of Jews in the free world to help those who are in difficulty."

Those who will be leading the discussions include:

• Irwin Cotler, professor of international law at McGill University, who will give an overview of the state of the Jew in the world today;

• Alec Goldberg, executive director of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, on the state of the South African Jewish community;

• Eli Rosenbaum, general legal counsel for the World Jewish Congress in New York, who will discuss European Jewry after Waldheim and living with terrorism;

• Saul Friedman, professor of history at Youngstown State University and author of a soon-to-be-published book on Syrian Jewry, speaking on Jews in Arab lands;

• Barbara Stern, chairman of the CJC committee for Soviet Jewry, on the status of Soviet Jews.

The sessions will leave time for questions and discussion, says Abella.

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UJA CAMPAIGN LIFE-LINE

Dr. Sheldon Nadal, Podiatrists chairman, chats with Drs. Tom Stevens and Hartley Miltchin during opening function for the division.

Our hats are off to **Lorraine** and **Alan Sandler** and all the other "super" people who made this Super Sunday happening such a pronounced success.

The full Super Sunday story appears in this edition of CJN so we won't go into all the details of this truly exceptional day, except to comment on the wide representation of canvassers of every age and persuasion (Jewish, that is).

For the first time, members of the Ontario Sephardic Association came out as a group to join their Ashkenazi brothers and sisters in this annual telethon. At one table were the Co-chairmen **Leon Benoliel** and **Maurice Benzacar**, Maurice's daughter, **Raquel, Suzane Benchimol** and **Alert Zrihen.**

There was the usual large contingent from the Synagogue Division, Societies, Women's Division, Business & Professional Women's Network, Young Adults, and on and on, thanks in no small way to the recruiting work of all the divisional chairmen.

To all of them and the other community volunteers who were so helpful, we extend our gratitude and appreciation.

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Dr. Tom Stevens was special guest speaker along with **Dr. Hartley Miltchin,** at the first UJA Podiatrists Division function. The evening program dealing with "surgical complications — causes, prevention and treatment," was arranged by the Chairman **Dr. Sheldon Nadal.**

Health Professions co-ordinator **Dr. Harry Krakowsky,** addressed the gathering on behalf of the campaign.

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A welcome visitor on the UJA scene is **Yaki Eshel,** who heads the Missions Department at Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem. His first official appearance was at the UJA Board breakfast meeting where he was introduced by **Max Handelman.**

Eshel has a busy speaking schedule carved out for him while in Toronto. Up to now he has been booked to address a telethon gathering of Jews of Hungarian Descent, a Zaglembier Society UJA luncheon and the Chenstochover Society as well.

We're sure he'll have pertinent information for all the members to digest, particularly in view of the planned UJA Societies Mission to Israel leaving Toronto on May 11 and returning May 25.

Mission Chairman **Philip Skovroneck** points out that participants wishing to prolong their stay in Israel, are free to do so. Their airline tickets is valid for 60 days.

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The Accountants Division had a telethon recently to get their cards covered. Along with the chairmen **Carl Goldenberg** and **Lloyd Weiss,** participants included **Leon Bleiwas, Michael Daren, Robert Harlang, Barry Sacks** and **John Wiseman.**

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Roz Davidson and **Marilyn Rotenberg,** Women's Division New Gifts Co-chairmen, have been making tremendous strides with this new project. Along with committee members **Jacquie Kolber, Honey Milstein, Fern Silver** and **Andrea Sugar,** they ran their own mini-Super Sunday telethon last week. They managed to fill two boardrooms on the fifth floor, away from the hustle and bustle of the Conference Centre, and really got results from first-time donors.

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Sam Lipshitz, well-known and respected member of the New Jewish Fraternal Association, proved to be a first-rate public relations man for the campaign.

He spoke on behalf of UJA on the popular Jewish Hour, telling listeners how our dollars are spent and urging the community to become involved as fundraisers and contributors.

Thank you Sam, we really appreciate your effort.

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Only five more weeks to go before the campaign officially comes to a close. So get those cards completed all you canvassers. We intend to end on a high note.

Organizations and People

UJA Super Sunday rouses community

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
Young, old and in-between, they came from every part of Metro Toronto, representing just about every segment of the Jewish community.

"They" are the several hundred volunteers who crowded the 4th and 5th floors of the Lipa Green Building for Super Sunday, United Jewish Appeal's annual community-wide telethon.

When the action simmered down, the 1987 UJA campaign had taken in an additional $600,000 in pledges on more than 5,000 cards that were covered during the day and evening.

"We did amazingly well," said Super Sunday chairmen Lorraine and Alan Sandler, "particularly in view of the different time-frame for this year's telethon."

In previous years, Super Sunday was the official campaign opener for the community. This year the telephone marathon was held well past the campaign midway mark.

Canvasser orientation sessions were an integral part of the 12-hour day, with Carol Kassel supervising trainers who worked with her prior to each of the four shifts.

UJA and Toronto Jewish Congress staff — professional and clerical — spelled off each other from beginning to end, handling administrative details and entering pledges into computers as they were recorded by canvassers.

All office areas on the two floors of the building were humming with activity, including 5th floor board rooms where Women's Division had a large contingent of canvassers concentrating on first-time donors.

Young Adults fundraising chairmen Debbie Milstein and Stephen Morris brought out a large group from their division for the final shift.

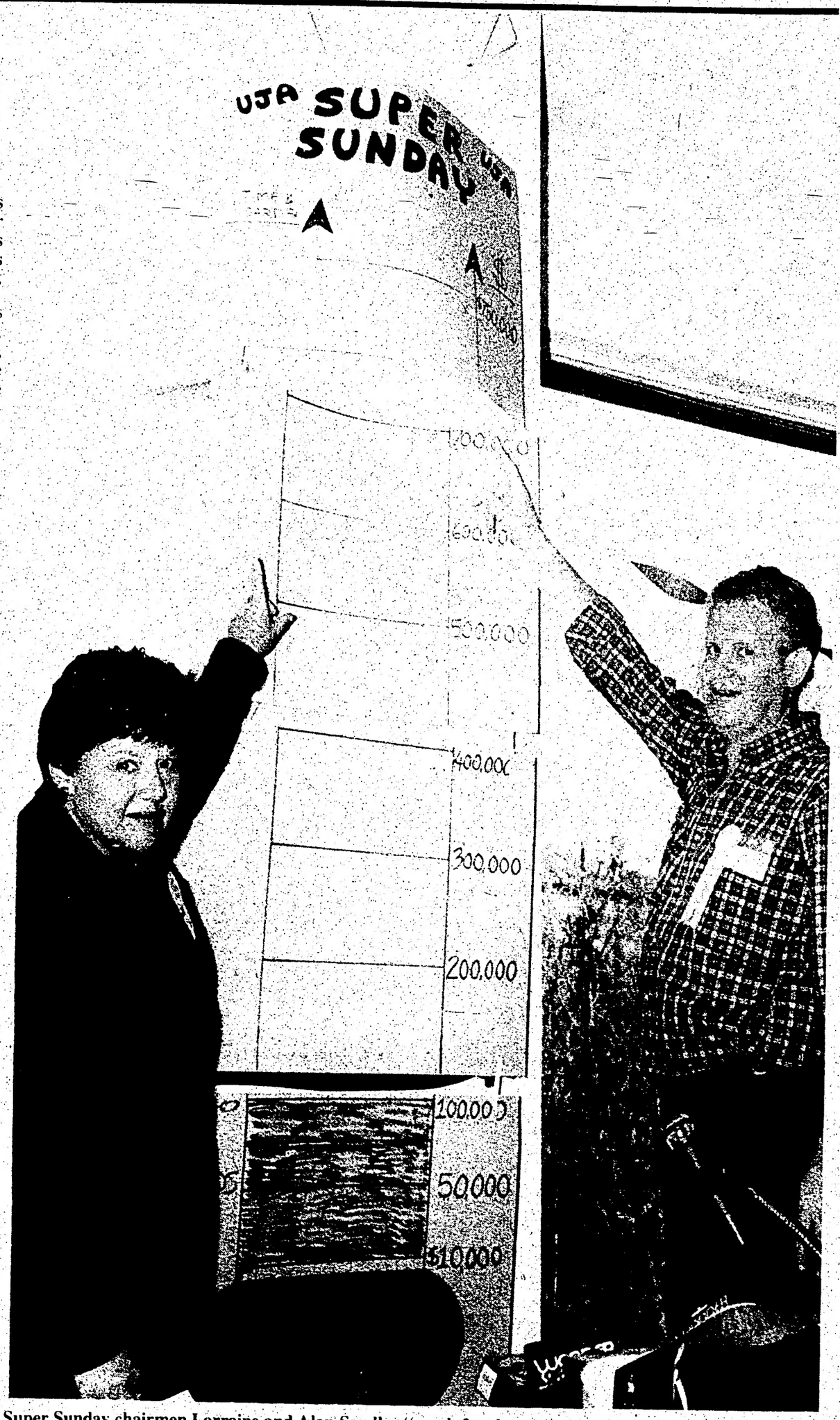
Representatives from the Ontario Sephardic Association had a table assigned to themnselves, arranged by co-chairmen Leon Benoliel and Maurice Benzacar.

Two young people from the Reena Foundation showed up at 6 p.m. to ask if they could help. Hyla Rubenstein and John Houston were assigned to the administrative area, sorting cards and ably assisting in a number of tasks.

Through it all, the 1987 campaign leadership, particularly chairmen Max Handelman and Adrienne Offman, maintained a visible profile, greeting volunteers as they arrived, doing their stint on the telephones and enjoying themselves along with everyone else.

The seemingly endless suply of food, drinks, nosherai and special prizes, aded in no small way to the relaxed and fun atmosphere and above all, to the success of the 7th annual UJA Super Sunday.

United Jewish Appeal is the fund raising arm of the city's central Jewish communal organization, Toronto Jewish Congress. UJA funding helps support 40 community agencies and institutions under the TJC aegis. Fifty-four per cent of all UJA dollars is allocated by TJC for distribution to Israel's social service sector through United Israel Appeal of Canada and the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.



Super Sunday chairmen Lorraine and Alan Sandler "reach for the top" just before UJA telethon got under way. [Graphic Artists photo]

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"This is the most wonderful group"

Dysautonomia volunteers lauded by president

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

It was a great afternoon for volunteers.

A committed group of volunteers working for The Toronto Chapter of Dysautonomia Foundation Inc., came for lunch at the home of the foundation's president Bertha Dermer — to be thanked and congratulated for their efforts — and to celebrate their fifth year of fund raising activities to help find the cause and the cure of the terrifying disease known as familial dysautonomia.

"This is the most wonderful group of volunteers. We are like a family," says Dermer, a cheerful, dynamic woman whose son Ricardo, 35, is the oldest living dysautonomic person.

"I am optimistic that through research, scientists will discover the mystery behind this unusual, often fatal hereditary genetic disease afflicting Jewish-Ashkenazi children from Eastern Europe."

The 40 volunteers at the lunch, were filled with enthusiasm about their future projects which support research and education on this elusive disease. There are more than 500 known cases around the world.

Dermer's enthusiasm radiates to everyone she meets.

Bertha Lapidus, a vice-president of the foundation, chaired the meeting and described Dermer as a pied piper. "She is a giving and compelling woman who is genuinely grateful to every volunteer — and she lets us know," says Lapidus.

Five years ago, Esther Moldofsky had worked with Dermer at a preschool nursery for retarded children at Temple Sinai — a group that was disbanded when the government assumed the funding of the project. She was approached by Dermer to reorganize the Temple Sinai volunteers to help with the dysautonomia project which had been organized by Dermer several months before.

The rest is history, says the foundation president. Moldofsky was the catalyst, and over the past five years, people kept bringing friends and the group has continuously grown. "We have 142 life members plus many other workers. We are growing by leaps and bounds, adds Dermer.

Attending the luncheon were three grandmothers of dysautonomic children. Normia Dimitry, Elsie Isenberg, and Tova Israeli said that before the disease affected their grandchildren, they had never heard of dysautonomia.

"At first we were hesitant to speak about it," says Israeli. "But I realize now that it is extremely important to talk about it, and to awaken public interest about this little-known disease."

Also present were representatives of a young group of the foundation called Tikvah (Hope), many from the B'not Aviva Chapter of Hadassah. Headed by Anne Isenberg, the group has already held several "very successful" fund raising events.

Ellie Burns, a member of Tikvah, is the mother of 17-year-old Stephanie who is dysautonomic. She praised the efforts of both groups and noted that few of the volunteers had anyone in their families afflicted with the disease.

Dr. Ruth Sky, a family physician at the Toronto General Hospital and associate professor in the department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto, was given special thanks for her voluntary contribution. Dr. Ruth, as she is called by the group, is Ricardo's doctor.

Sky says she became interested in dysautonomia when Ricardo's sister Allicia was a resident at the hospital about 10 years ago. "Allicia, now a doctor living in New Jersey, asked me to get involved with her brother, and through Ricardo, I've become interested and involved in dysautonomia."

"We are hoping to find the genetic markers, and to be able to identify the carriers of dysautonomia through testing, as we have with Tay Sachs."

She says the disease is transmitted as a recessive gene. The gene may skip generations, so that one is not aware of the recessive's presence. Sky is optimistic that research will find the part of the chromosome that leads to dysautonomia and other general diseases.

Ten years ago, 50% of dysautonomic children died before the age of 6. Today, more than 80% survive well past this age as new medical procedures are initiated.

Reporting on the proceeds of their fund raising tea at the home of Florence and Sydney Cooper, Evelyn Pelman, the financial secretary, announced that through the efforts of the volunteers, more than $23,000 had been raised from more than 860 donors, booths and other activities.

The funds are distributed for research at the Weizmann Institute in Israel, McMaster University, The Hospital for Sick Children and the Israeli Centre of Dysautonomia at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

The volunteers were thanked for their "team effort" by Lapidus. Special recognition was given to Ethel Sprachman, Adele Paisley, Winnie Posner, Kay Sandy, Gerry Goodbaum, Nancy Sniderman, Rose Roth and others.

For information regarding familial dysautonomia, membership or to send donations, write to The Toronto Chapter of Dysautonomia Foundation Inc., 36 Denmark Cres., Toronto M2R 1J4 (416) 636-7924, or the Tikvah Chapter at (416) 449-3538.

Among the volunteers celebrating the 5th anniversary of the Toronto Chapter of Dysautonomia Foundation Inc., are three grandmothers of children afflicted with the disease. From left are Norma Dimitry, Tova Israeli, a vice-president of the foundation, and Elsie Isenberg.

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Organizations and People

As Zionist Congress approaches

Mapam visitor gives leftist view of current issues

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
On May 15, voters around the world will cast their ballots for 600 delegates to the World Zionist Congress.

For Amiram Efrati, campaigning for the election has already begun. Efrati, North American political shaliach for the Mapam Party of Israel, believes the election could have an effect on politics in Israel.

"There is sensitivity by Israeli Jews on what world Jews think," Efrati said recently.

"Mapam thinks that in the current situation, we need a close dialogue betwen Israel and the Diaspora in which the accumulated wisdom of the Jewish people will influence political trends and activities in Israel," he said.

"A slight change in public opinion through those elections could mean a step forward for the peace and democracy camp."

Efrati's party, Mapam, is on the left wing of the Israeli political spectrum and he believes it's in the forefront of the peace camp. A former partner for 17 years with the Labor Alignment in previous administrations, Mapam refused to participate in the 2-year-old national unity government.

Efrati said the party refused to "sit together with Ariel Sharon. We think he was responsible for the failure of the war in Lebanon and all its consequences."

Amiram Efrati

Joining in a unity government would only reinforce the status quo, he added, making for "a victory for the right wing."

Mapam's critique of that "status quo" is extensive. It is the overall effect on the psyche, the character of Israelis that concerns Efrati and Mapam.

Efrati, who visited Toronto for a series of meetings recently, argued that while Israeli Arabs enjoyed greater rights than they would in Arab countries, "in the West Bank, we keep another people under occupation, depriving them of basic civil liberties.

"If we thought that the unseen green line (the border between Israel and Jordan from 1949-67) would stop the violence and discrimination, it's a mistake."

Efrati said "by denying West Bank Arabs the right of citizenship" a next step leads to "stamping the identity cards of converted Jews," as suggested by Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz. (That proposal was rejected.)

A further result of the occupation psychology is "denying Reform rabbis the right to perform marriages." Efrati contends that "if you can scorn and deal with Arabs as inferiors, that way of thinking in terms of superiors and inferiors crystallizes and permeates into most delicate tissues of Israeli society."

Mapam's solution?

Certainly not annexing the West Bank and giving Arabs there full rights. "We still need a small Jewish state with Jewish tradition and values," he said. A state where Ethiopian Jews can come and be welcome.

Certainly not a kind of "Jewish apartheid" where only some rights are granted to Arabs.

Efrati suggests a return to the consensus that existed in Israel shortly after the Six Day War of 1967. The prevalent view then was "if Arab leaders come to terms with us, we will withdraw, give it back.

"We are for the right of self-determination for the Palestinians as long as it doesn't damages their neighbors."

Looking at the current political situation, Efrati expressed "concern" about Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir as Prime Minister. On his first day as Premier, Shamir visited settlers on the West Bank. That message was "a red light to those who delude themselves there would be a continuation of (former Premier Shimon) Peres' policies."

Mapam does not rule out talking to the Palestine Liberation Organization, if it can be shown to be truly representative of the Palestinians and if it agrees to recognize Israel.

Recent moves by Jordan's King Hussein to increase local West Bank support likely won't succeed because of the reservoir of "hatred" and mistrust that resulted from the "1970 slaughter" of Palestinians by Jordanian armed forces, Efrati said.

On the local Israeli scene, Efrati expressed concern by the "many splits in Israeli society:" between rich and poor, educated and uneducated and religious and secular.

The solution for the fissures could come through education and better incomes, he said. People who know more about democracy are more likely to compromise, he argued. He called for more government money for "software" — the education system — and less for "hardware for ghost towns on the West Bank."

During his 4-day visit to Toronto, Efrati met with the board of Peace Now, with Friends of Pioneering Israel (who will run for the Zionist Congress) and he attended a seminar arranged by Hy Fogelman of Histadrut.

A special meeting was arranged to meet with Cliff Pilkey, president of the Ontario Federation of Labor and a representative of the NDP.

In meetings with "leftist groups," some of which criticize Israel, Efrati said he tells them of the debt owed to a democracy like Israel to balance their criticism. Beyond that, "we think it was their duty to apply their influence so Black Africa would have restored relations with Israel immediately after Camp David."

Efrati said a large number of Israelis need "incentives" like that to bring them to the peace camp.

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Bialik Hebrew Day School received $7,500 for an audio-visual presentation on its development.

Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation received $10,000 to host Judeo-Spanish week.

Pioneer Women of Toronto received $10,000 for a computer system.

The National Council of Jewish Women was awarded $29,656 for staff and office equipment.

Toronto Jewish Assistance Services was given $10,000 for a computer and photocopier.

The Jewish War Veterans' Community and Charity Trust was awarded $15,000 to produce a video documenting the contribution of the Jewish community during World War II.

A total of $790,000 was disbursed to groups representing Ontario's ethnic constituencies by the province's ministry of citizenship and culture.

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Avis aux contribuables francophones de North York

Une assemblée publique, ouverte aux contribuables francophones de la ville de North York, aura lieu le 27 novembre 1986 à 19h30 dans la cafétéria de l'Ecole secondaire Etienne Brûlé, 300 chemin Banbury, North York.

Cette assemblée est convoquée conformément à la Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'éducation et la Loi sur la municipalité de la communauté urbaine de Toronto, Lois de l'Ontario de 1986, Chapitre 29 (Projet de loi 75).

L'assemblée a pour but l'élection de six contribuables francophones de North York à un Comité consultatif de langue française du Conseil scolaire de North York.

Ce comité consultatif fera des recommendations au Conseil scolaire en ce qui concerne les moyens de répondre aux besoins éducatifs et culturels des élèves francophones fréquentant les écoles de langue française de North York.

Ce comité restera en fonction jusqu'au 30 novembre 1988.

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Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of French-speaking ratepayers of North York will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, 27 November 1986, in the cafetorium of Ecole secondaire Etienne Brûlé, 300 Banbury Road, North York.

The meeting is called in compliance with An Act to amend the Education Act and the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto Act, Statutes of Ontario, 1986, Chapter 29 (Bill 75).

The purpose of the meeting is to elect six French-speaking ratepayers to an Advisory Committee to the North York Board of Education.

The function of the Advisory Committee is to make recommendations to the Board with respect to ways and means of meeting the educational and cultural needs of French-speaking pupils at E. E. Jeanne-Lajoie and E.S. Etienne Brûlé.

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Top designers are jumping onto the kiddie bandwagon

NEW YORK (AP) — A baby boomlet, which helped sales of children's clothing in the United States grow by nearly $5 billion since 1979, is enciting big-name designers and manufacturers to hop on the kiddie bandwagon.

Though nowhere near as big as the baby boom that followed the Second World War, the mini-boom has resulted in industry sales growing in the United States from the $10 billion in 1979 to $14.7 billion in 1984, the most recent year for which statistics are available.

Designers take advantage

And the U.S. Census Bureau says the next five years will be peak years for the children's clothing industry.

Among those who have already jumped into the industry are Liz Claiborne, whose success with a line of clothes for girls sizes 7-14 led her to expand the collection to include a pre-teen line called LizKids.

Jou Jou Designs, which has been in the junior business for nine years, is also taking advantage of the favorable market and has added a back-to-school line for kids.

U.S. chocolate maker gets into the act with Hershey line

Even Hershey Foods Corp. is getting into the act. The Pennsylvania-based chocolate maker, with help from General Sportswear Co., will have a line of Hershey's kiddie clothes in department stores this fall.

The reason designers view the market as being lucrative can be seen more in parents than in children.

More mothers today are "among the trendsetting people, the yuppies and working women," said Diane Specht, associate publisher of Earnshaw's Review, considered the bible of the children's industry. They have more money to spend and tend to be more creative when it comes to mixing and matching."

Suzanne Richey of Thomas Textiles, a major U.S. manufacturer of children's clothing, said one of the biggest changes is a move away from "very basic clothing to very unique, novel and very forward clothing.

"Gone are the days of five basic T-shirts and five pairs of pants. It's not enough for the garment just to be cute. It also has to be on target as far as having fashion silhouettes, prints, novelties and appliques."

OshKosh B'Gosh, a 90-year-old maker of work clothes for farmers and railroad workers, foresaw the mini-boom five years ago.

Although the company was making some kids' clothes at the time, it jumped heavily into the market, said David Hyde, vice-president of merchandising.

Between 1981 and 1985, the Wisconsin-based manufacturer's sales tripled to $152 million from $47.5 million, primarily because of its children's line.

"When you combine more births with people having children later, double-income families, more disposable income, the whole yuppie approach to wanting nice things not just for themselves but for their children, that's why the children's apparel business is faring well," Hyde said.

Ellie Fishman, a children's fashion consultant, added that today's more casual lifestyle has also helped the industry.

"The overall market has a very casual feeling, which is reflecting a lifestyle which for a long time didn't exist in the children's business," she said.

Added awareness

"So it's appealing to a younger mother who herself constantly dresses that way."

Other factors, Fishman said, include a relaxed dress code at most schools and children's added awareness of fashion through television.

Daring designs from Caras

Designer Stephan Caras imbues his evening wear collection with a sense of daring. His application of intricately detailed trims and his use of contrasting textures and fabrications gives these garments a fully accessorized look.

Provides dramatic contrast

The rich folds of Italian Viscose jersey flow with the body. Dresses are crafted to emphasize the silhouette and yokes of red silk velvet or shimmering sequins provide dramatic contrast to understated lines.

His basic body dress is shirred at the waist and accented with a yoke of cut velvet framing a plunging backline that is accented by a sequined teardrop at the lower centre back.

A harlequin patterned inset turns a classic line into a patterned fantasy. Caras uses brilliantly-colored leathers, cut into diamond shapes to form a rhinestone studded harlequin waistband.

A draped waistline dress combines solid jersey and floral prints to dramatic effect. In another variation, Caras uses red and black silk velvet trim to fashion a striking yoke offsetting the classic lines of a starkly sophisticated black sheath.

Bodice are understated and slim while flowing chiffon skirts impart a romantic flair. Throughout the collection, Caras uses a mix of disparate colors with startling effect — his evening dresses are symphonies of color and texture that need little, if any, accessorizing.

A sequined collar fits loosely over a classic neckline. Caras' signature top stitching also appears throughout the evening collection, imparting a hand-tailored luxury to the line.

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Fashion

At this time of year, you better think overcoat

By
SAUL KORMAN

All indications are that we're in for a particularly vicious winter season. So if you haven't already bought a warm overcoat, the following guidelines may be of some practical use:

— When shopping for a winter coat, be sure to always wear a heavy weight suit or sport jacket so that the fit can be judged under actual wardrobe conditions.

— Overcoats are sized the same way as suits, with extra room added for ease of movement. So if you're a 42 regular, go with a 42 regular coat.

— Try on any coat you're considering in front of a full-length 3-way mirror. Button it up and belt it — checking that the belt loops are appropriately level with your own waist.

If they're too high or low, go to a longer or shorter size: don't let the salesman talk you into an alteration.

— The same holds true of the coat that is too tight across your shoulders. If that's the case, move up to the next size, as it's better to alter the chest and sleeves a little than have a coat with the wrong shoulder set.

— Some men find coat sleeve lengths confusing. You should know that an overcoat's cuff ideally covers both the shirt and jacket cuff, and generally falls a half-inch below the wrist.

— After the shoulders and sleeve, the coat's bottom is the next area of assessment. As a rule, this should hit a couple of inches below the knee: although some men prefer the more fashionable length of mid-calf.

Be aware that for a shorter man, the former length is more suitable (showing as it does more of the leg), and for a taller man the latter is recommended (though it shouldn't be taken to extremes).

In no case should a coat end at the knee or above. This only makes the upper body appear massively boxy in relation to one's legs.

— A shorter man too should look for a coat that gives his silhouette a long vertical line. Things like belts, patched or flapped pockets and double-breasted closures have a horizontal bias that should be eschewed.

Conversely, of course, all these things will help a tall man appear to be built along less grand lines.

— The heavy-set man would do well to follow the same rules that apply to the short man, as verticality is also his aim. Moreover, he should stick to coats in plain, finished fabrics — no meltons or huge herringbone for him, but perhaps a nice navy blue or dark charcoal wool.

— Again, a bulky fur coat is not appropriate for a large man.

But if fur you must have, try wearing a rough racoon or beaver in preference to smoother sables and minks.

— My final recommendation for a man of average height and weight? That would be a double-breasted style (the additional material of which gives added warmth) that falls 6 to 8 inches below the knee (allowing your legs extra covering and your ensemble extra style).

Its lapels and collar should lie perfectly flat, but be broad enough to respectively protect the chest when folded across and the neck when turned up.

(Fashion authority SAUL KORMAN reports regularly to The CJN on current fashion trends. Korman is president of Korry's Clothiers to Gentlemen, in Toronto.)

The sporty overcoat styled in leather and lined with fleece. Looks nice, but beware the dropped sleeves — too much on underneath can ruin one's shoulder line.

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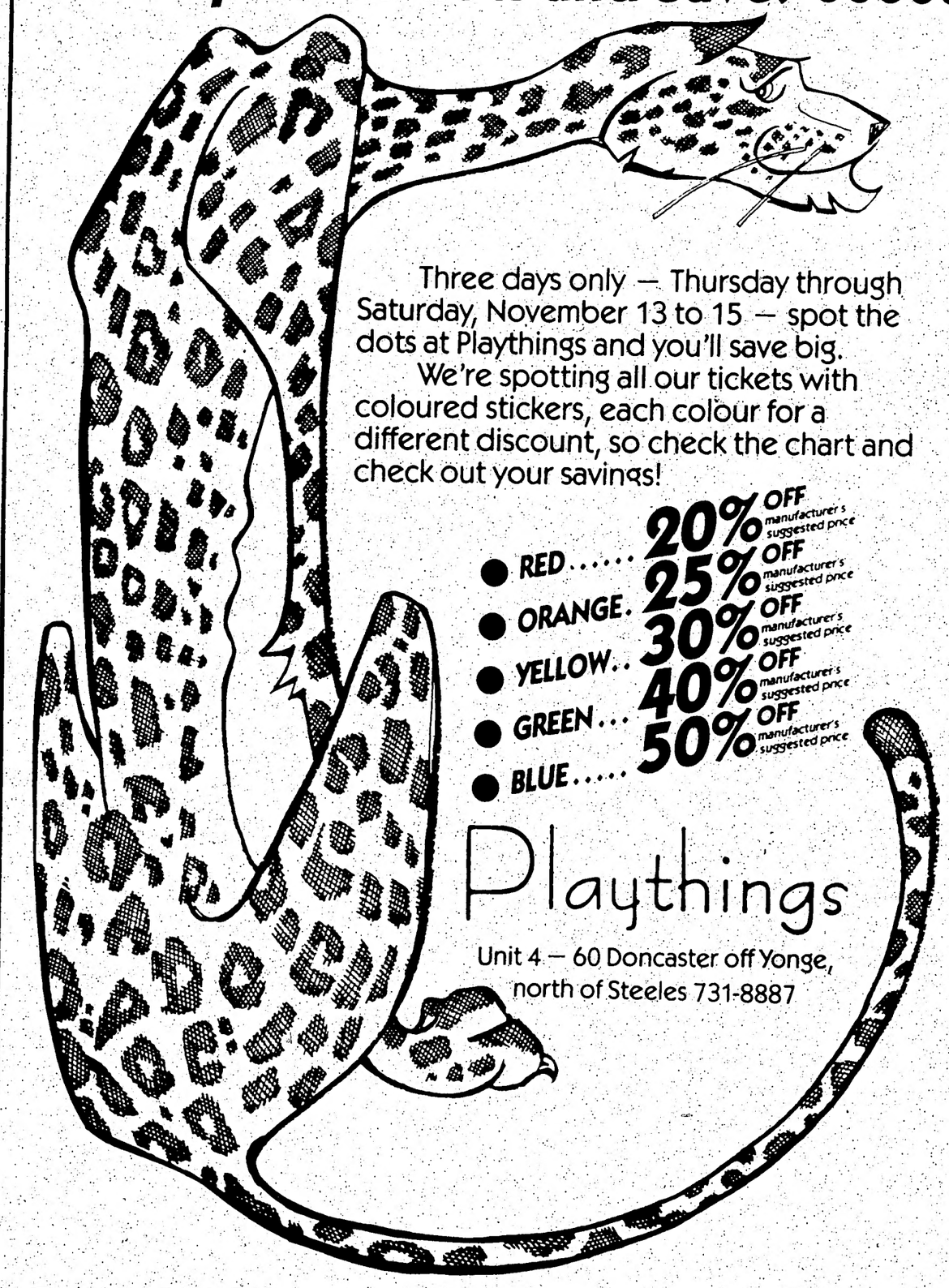

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This year marks the 100th anniversary of the tuxedo. It was exactly a century ago — in 1886 — that the very first tuxedo made a public appearance at the Tuxedo Club in upstate New York.

It was Griswold Lorillard, a 22-year-old fashion maverick, who first donned this risque apparel at the annual Autumn Ball. When Old Grissy (as his friends liked to call him) showed up in this avant-garde, satin-lapelled, scarlet-colored, "tailless" jacket, it was much to the shock and chagrin of the white tie-and-tailed millionares at the club.

A mild fashion revolution ensued because the well-dressed men of the day felt that the tuxedo was just not dressy enough.

Soon after that fateful day, the tailless coat caught on and the rest is formal wear history. While the tuxedo has undergone a number of changes over the years — from the upbeat "jazz suit" of the 30s to the "grey flannel suit" of the 50s — it has ultimately emerged unchallenged and unscathed.

Today, the tuxedo remains the only "proper" dress code for formal affairs in fact, in the past few years, formal wear has been sweeping the nation like never before.

Charity balls, black tie receptions and an overwhelming return to the more traditional wedding have all contributed to making the tuxedo an important staple in every fashion-conscious man's wardrobe.

When Harvey Klein entered the U.S. market almost a year ago, it was responsible for a new fashion revolution in men's formal wear. For the past 50 years, the tuxedo did not vary too much from its straight and narrow black silhouette.

With the entree of Harvey Klein to both the American and Canadian market, the North American man can now choose anything from silk plaids and fancy checks to shadow stripes and geometric patterns.

Fashion

Manulife show offers stunning looks

By
LORI SMITH

Classic, elegant styles were the mainstays of a recent fashion show produced by the Manulife Centre's Retail Tenants' Association, Inc.

The event, entitled All Jazzed Up For Fall, was the centre's second annual fall fashion show, and featured designs from Manulife stores including such top Toronto retailers as Creeds, Sportables, Harridges, Eda Reuther, Marks & Spencer, Margo's, Fashion by Dorel and Studio 267.

A dramatic presentation of fur coats from Creeds opened the show. Natural dark female mink shared the stage with blue dyed, sheared beaver; natural Australian opossum; Canadian silver fox; Canadian lynx and natural Russian golden sable. The long coats all featured classic styling, big shoulders and full, flowing lines.

This easy, elegant shape was repeated in the day and eveningwear that followed. In sportswear sections, called Weekend on the Continent and Weekend in the Country, broad-shouldered sweaters and jackets were shown with ankle-length, trouser-style pants; long full or straight skirts and flat shoes or boots.

Belts adorned every outfit and both wide and thin leather style cinched the waist. A coffee-colored, Anne Klein pant suit from Harridges was a standout. It's peplumed jacket fell to mid-thigh and was belted at the waist with a wide strip of leather.

The show also paid tribute to the ease and elegance of today's knit fashion. Sportables offered a cardigan, top and skirt-set in a mix of black and white patterns by designer Costello.

Eda Reuther showed a beautiful ensemble composed of a winter white sweater, sweater jacket and grey pants accented with silver accessories. Once again broad shouldered tops were worn over narrower bottom. And skirts were either straight or full but inevitably fell to below the knee or longer.

Classic suit dressing was presented in the career fashion section of the show. Margo's featured suits from top Canadian manufacturers Bernard Cowan and Irving Samuel.

The Cowan suit, which included a single-breasted, slim skirt, was done in an irridescent black and emerald tweed. Marks & Spencer offered a number of offered a number of Chanel-inspired designs including a black and white, herringbone chanel suit with a thin belt worn at the waist.

The finale of the show was the collection of eveningwear from the retailers.

Marks & Spencer offered a black, turtleneck, knit dress with dropped armholes, full-sleeves and padded shoulders. This stunning, classic garment was adorned with simple but substantial gold accessories.

Harridges presented a gray, wool dress by Elizabeth Wessel. This body-hugging creation featured a turtleneck, full sleeves and a criss-crossed hip wrap.

Margo's showed a velvet applique, V-neck, jewelled dress patterned with turquoise, purple, black and royal blue, and also, a jewelled and shot lame dress with a flattering, dropped waist and full skirt.

At left, a black leather skirt and cream coat by Anne Klein. Right, a white popcorn-knit outfit from Eda Reuther. (Ronny Shinder photo)

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Fashion

Subtle scents from Jordache

Colognes fill gift packs

By
LORI SMITH

Soft, subtle scents are the trademarks of Jordache Fragrances and this holiday season the company is offering gift packs featuring their popular colognes.

Carolyn Posen, president of Carolyn Sales Inc., the Toronto firm that represents Jordache Fragrances, explains that the company has two lines. The first is the basic Jordache for Men and Jordache for Women scents. The second is comprised of the Jordache Love Musk for Men and the Love Musk for Women.

"For the Chanukah holiday season there will be small mini-sizes of the fragrances. Jordache for Women will come in an 11 ml size and have a little stuffed racoon hugging it. Similarly the Love Musk for Women will have a little panda bear hugging it."

She says that there will also be a fragrance and cosmetic sets available. Both Jordache for Women and Love Musk for Women come in a set with a compact that includes eye shadows, make-up applications and a mirror. Jordache for Men comes in a grooming set that includes 100 ml aftershave, 30 ml cologne, shave foam and razor.

Posen explains that the sets make excellent gifts. The Jordache name ensures quality and the packs are an excellent value. If the items were sold separately the women's sets would retail at $25 and the men's at $35. Instead, they are $16.95.

Jordache is an American firm established by three Israeli brothers — Joe, Abi and Ralph Nakash. Originally it was a clothing franchise geared toward the younger set. Now the company is associated with a number of products. Their fragrances are geared towards a market that include teenagers to 35-year-olds.

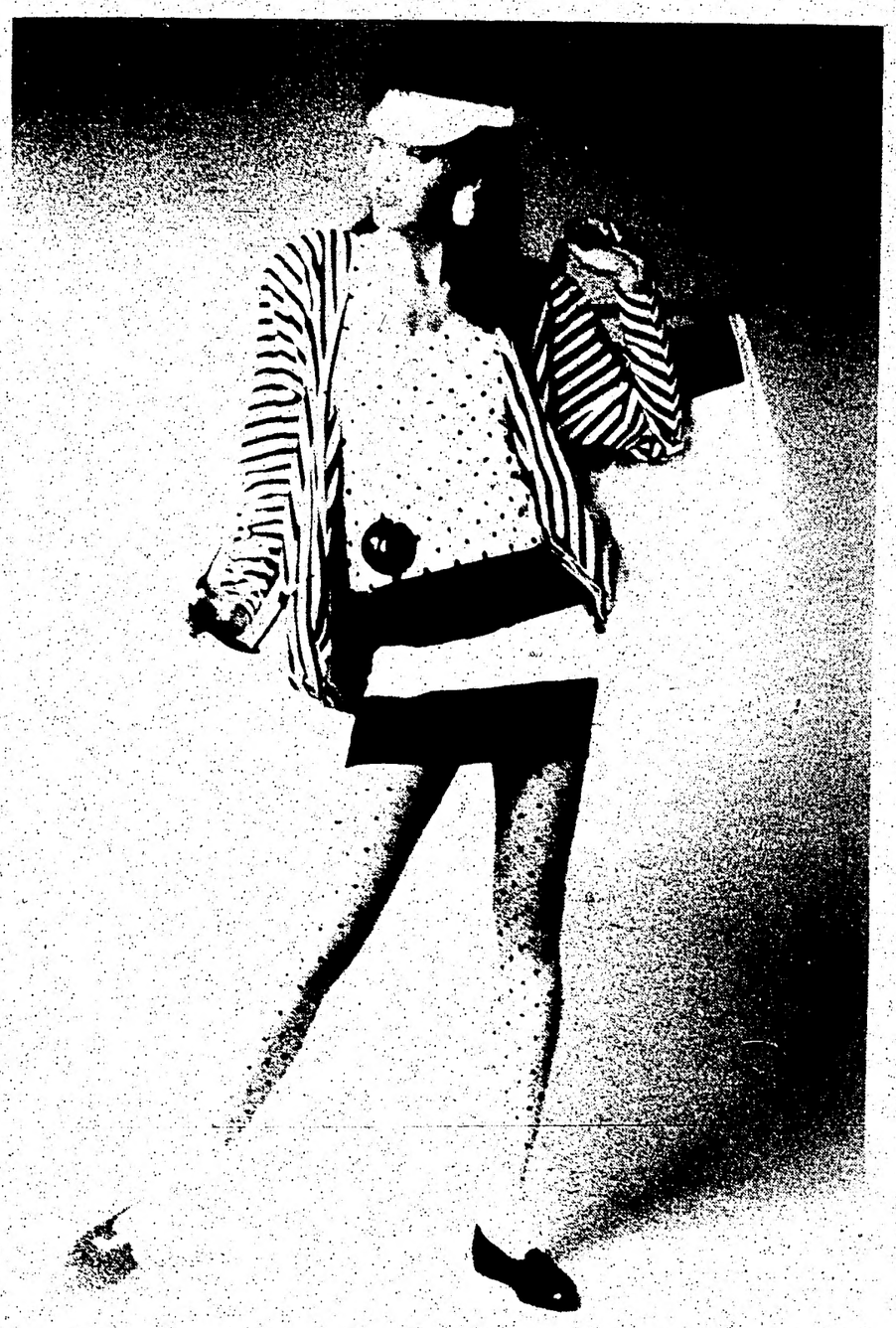
Large market

Jordache for Women is a blend of hyacinth, jonquil, narcissus, honeysuckle, spray cologne, perfume and spray perfume.

Jordache for Men features a combination of bergamot, tangerine, fir balsam, patchouli, sandalwood and oak. It is available in after shave, cologne and spray cologne.

Jordache Fragrances are sold at drug stores including Boot's and Big V; department stores including Eaton's and The Bay and mass merchandisers such as K-Mart.

DIM unveils sleek looks



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Colors follow classic path

MONTREAL — Fall/winter in Europe and Canada heralds a feminine, classic way of dressing with leg looks surfacing as an important element in the total picture.

DIM of France has come up with its largest collection ever, offering the all-important sheers, the key patterns, the important lace looks.

Color has clout and can make or break a fashion look, says the DIM experts. The newest neutrals — brown, black, navy, grey — follow a classic path.

Head-to-toe dressing is prevalent, making hosiery all important to the new monochromatic look. Color and pattern extension from ready-to-wear to the leg comes into play with sheer and opaque color, tweed and houndstooth looks, feminine and frothy lace.

For the more avant garde, the longer lengths are coming back but for fall, short is still important with mass appeal that will give the leg a most important focus.

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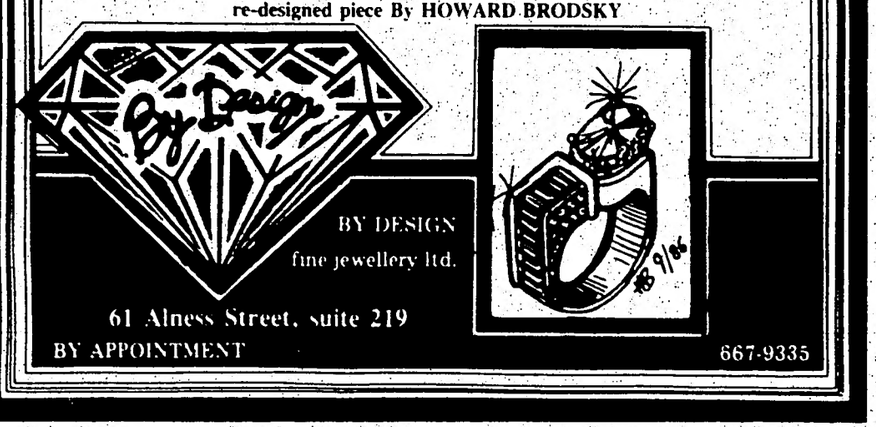

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The One of A Kind Canadian Craft Show & Sale will again be held at Exhibition Place Nov. 8-Dec. 7. Part of the show will include this cotton/rayon/silk suit by Janet Knight; men's formal tuxedo shirt by Dawn Piche and Ann Charbonneau; silver accessory pin from Vivienne Jones; large silver and copper cuff bracelets, silver and turquoise drop earrings, men's silver cufflinks, all by Ellen Fraser. Cummerbund and bowtie from H. Halpern. (Linda Corbett photo)

Elegance marks collection

By
LORI SMITH

Elegance and ease are the trademarks of Toronto designer Shelly Walsh's holiday collection.

"A lot of it is like sportswear for the evening. It's very comfortable. You can eat and drink what you want in it," she explains.

The group, which will be available at Holt Renfrew, Lipton's, The Signature Room at Eaton's, Chadwick's and better boutiques, includes a range of evening separates: a silver lurex, long knit top; knitted lace skirt; knitted lace stockings; a big shirt in silk charmeuse; camisole; halter; blouse with a tie; pleated skirts; sweatshirt look tops and big shirts with sexy, open backs.

Dresses in the collection include a beautiful, knitted lace garment that features a flattering dropped waist and full skirt. A similar style dress is done in black and sapphire blue velvet and has sparkle dust decorating the bodice with geometric patterns.

Walsh explains that she does not use a lot of plain fabrics in her holiday collections. For her, fabric is the most important element of design other than color. So a plain-silk blouse is a rarity.

Despite the casual elegance of the majority of the designs in the collection a few garments suggest a more whimsical approach to fashion.

For the more capricious among us Walsh has created a few ballerina-tutu inspired items for the holidays.

Luxury key to menswear

Men's wear goes lean, clean and sophisticated this holiday and cruise season.

Predictably, holiday is mainly a black-and-white show. Less predictably, the fabrics are lighter weight and fluid.

Luxury is key. Viscose blends give subtle sheen to herringbone and waffle tweeds.

Printed satins and some shot taffeta-like fabrics appear in shirts as well as jackets.

This holiday season watch for a mix-and-match of prints and textures, a trend which will carry on into spring.

While shapes may be simple, the interest is in the combination of elements such as a boldly printed jacket teamed with a print shirt with the surprise of mock sealskin pants. Obviously, there's a sense of fun and whimsy during holiday.

Shapes are leaner. Shoulders are still accented but the shape is rounded rather than shelf-like. Jackets come in closer to the body. Pants are roomy without being exactly baggy and taper in at the ankle.

For cruise-resort, watch for some changes in color. Pretty pastels give way to earthier tones, with beiges, Khakis and cement colors showing up in primitive and abstract prints.

The feeling is more tribal, more rugged than it has been and this, too, will carry on into spring.

A certain amount of body-consciousness shows up even in ultracasual cruisewear. Though nothing is skimpy, nothing is oversize either.

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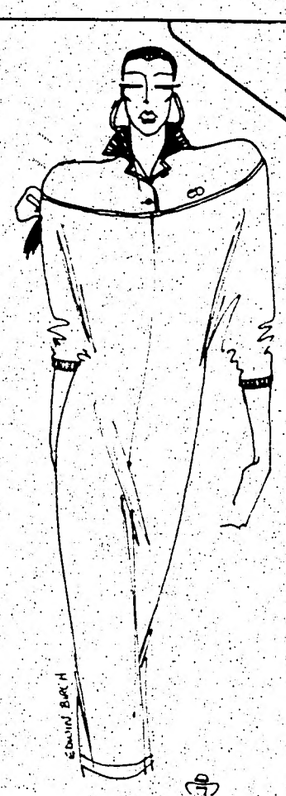

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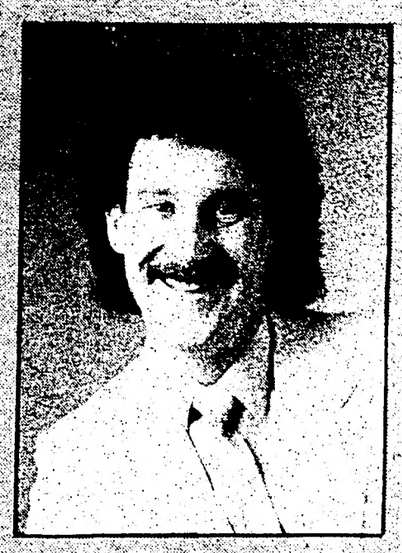
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Chassidic song fest to feature bright new Israeli stars

music

By RICK KARDONNE

The 10th Israeli Chassidic Song Festival will have two Toronto performances at 7 and 9.30 p.m. Nov. 29. The location will be different and more central: Lawrence Park Collegiate on Chatsworth (near Yonge and Lawrence).

As in the past, the Chassidic Song Festival, consisting mostly of new tunes set to biblical passages, will feature many of Israel's brightest young stars. This year's lineup includes:

Orna Datz, who performs with Hala'akot Chozrot, the nostalgia show of the Army Entertainment Group; Moshe Datz, her husband, whose songs have been performed by Dahlia Cohen and Ruhama and who starred in the successful musical Hallelujah Hollywood.

Yaron Haddad, who starred in the Israeli version of Sweeney Todd and Guys and Dreams; Ofira Yossefi, a regular in the Israeli version of Sesame Street; jazz specialist Talk Kashpitzki; recording personality Romi Halchmi who also appeared in the Israeli versions of Little Shop of Horrors and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat; and Eli Yatzpen and Asher Sussan.

The 14-piece backup band includes Miron Minster on piano, David Nizri on percussion, Ofer Portugali on synthesizer and Gilad Atzmon on saxophone and clarinet.

The Chassidic Song Festival is billed as great family entertainment, and the early show at 7 p.m. will make it easier for the whole family to attend. For further information call 781-9356.

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From CKMW in Brampton (790 on the AM dial) comes a program featuring Israel's contemporary music culture. Toronto Jewry should enhusiastically greet this new Israel-oriented radio show.

One of the co-hosts, Shimon Zaravi, speaks in Hebrew, and whatever he says in Hebrew is immediately followed by his fellow co-host Avrum Rosenzweig repeating in an accurate English translation. This is an excellent teaching device for Hebrew.

There are present and recent-past Israeli popular songs on the program, interspersed with news from Israel (both in Hebrew and English), sports and interesting tidbits from the Jewish entertainment scene.

The casual style of the two co-hosts is refreshingly relaxed. The time, Sunday-Thursday from 11 p.m. to midnight, might be a little bit late for families but is ideal for students and young singles.

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Joan Rivers, according to Page One, the Simon Wiesenthal radio column broadcast weekly over CHIN's Sunday morning Jewish hour, is launching a campaign against the disturbing rise of political anti-semitism in the U.S. as manifested by Louis Farrakhan and Lyndon LaRouche. For this, Rivers (whose original name is Joan Molinsky) deserves fullest support.

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Violinist Shlomo Mintz performs with the Toronto Symphony under Andrew Davis Nov. 19-20 to perform Max Bruch's Scottish Fantasy. Pianist Bella Davidovich performs in solo recital Nov. 25. For further information, call 593-7769.

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Solomon writer, producer and anchorperson

TV hostess continues to develop multifaceted career

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
For Shirley Solomon, life has an extra-special meaning.

For four years beginning in 1979, Solomon hosted channel 47's Chai Show, a community program dealing with Jewish affairs. Chai, of course, means life.

Last year, she went to CTV to host a daytime series called Lifetime.

And this year, Solomon, the blonde, vivacious TV hostess, has her own show on the Life Channel.

Obviously, life was meant to be prophetic for Solomon, whose 1-hour daily program on the Life Channel, called simply Shirley, deals with every aspect of life.

Each afternoon from 3 to 4, viewers can watch Solomon be equally at ease discussing suicide, testing bizarre household hints or hugging a boa constrictor.

Shirley debuted Sept. 8 and already, its leisurely mix of chatter and insight, coupled with its phone-in segments in which the audience may call to pose questions to guests, has proven a hit.

The show has 500,000 viewers across Canada and if the Life Channel is successful at persuading federal communications authorities to take it from pay-TV to regular cable channels, the ratings could go through the roof.

After the jazzy graphics and music hit the air at 3, Solomon, the only female

Shirley Solomon

host of an afternoon network TV show, has guests discussing "people-oriented" concerns like parenting, dieting, consumer affairs, stress and money management.

But it's not all serious stuff. A favorite guest of the show is Toby Styles of the Metro Zoo, who brings along an assortment of exotic creatures, including snakes.

Although the show is done live, Solomon's feathers are rarely ruffled.

"The fact that anything can happen on the show makes it that much more exciting," Solomon, 39, told The CJN in an interview. "I like to meet the challenges head on. So far, it's going very well. We've gotten unbelievable feedback from the industry itself."

Not to mention from the viewers. When it's time to phone the guest, the lines are jammed. "We want to know what people are thinking. Most interviewers don't share anything with their audience. I'm concerned with maintaining my credibility, but not at the expense of removing myself from the situation.

"Television is a very one-way street and this is a chance of talking directly with people."

On any given day, the three or four guests may run the gamut from the guilt working mothers feel when not with their children, to alcoholism and suicide among police officers, to the care of inexpensive jewelry. Solomon says her program isn't a "women's show" because the themes are almost always universal in appeal.

Regular guests include journalist Ian Brown (who dropped his pants on a recent show), food writer David Kingsmill and consumer advocate Judy Nyman of The Toronto Star.

Solomon, whose mother is a Holocaust survivor, came to Canada with her parents in 1955 from West Germany with little money and few possessions.

"I think that gave me an insight into what it's like to look in from the outside," she says.

Married to independent documentary producer Les Kottler and the mother of a 14-year-old daughter, Solomon also knows what it's like to be faced with the problems of many of today's women.

Relevant firsthand experiences

She's been divorced, a single mother and remarried, so when the subjects arise, her observations are firsthand.

From 1979 to 1983, Solomon was the writer, producer and host of CFMT's Chai Show. In 1980, she worked on the documentary special, So You Want to be a Star, which won an industry CanPro Award.

In 1983, Shirley went to Global Television, where blondes seem to do well. She was the entertainment anchor for the noon and 6 o'clock news shows. After leaving Global, she did some freelance work for the CBC's Midday program.

Her stint at CTV's Lifetime was for only a year and when the Life Channel offered her the spot, she jumped at it.

In 1984, Shirley and her husband teamed up to do No Place to Hide, a documentary on wife abuse which won last year's CanPro Award.

As for Shirley the show, Solomon would like to see it syndicated and, one day, done in front of a studio audience.

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Nazi Jew-hatred infects Arabs

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Semites and Anti-Semites, by Bernard Lewis. McLeod Publishing $18.95 U.S.

The thesis of this book is simple but disturbing. The author, professor of Near-Eastern Studies at Princeton and a world-renowned Orientalist, maintains that virulent anti-semitism of the Nazi variety has now infected the Arab world. It was only after the Suez crisis in 1956 and especially after the Six Day War in 1967 that hatred of Jews became endemic.

Unable to explain to themselves, or to the world, their defeat at the hands of a numerically insignificant people, so long held in contempt as inferior and cowardly, the Arabs resorted to unrestrained malice and calumny.

The notion of a Jewish world conspiracy, first popularized in the notorious forgery, Protocols of the Elders of Zion was given a new lease on life.

The world-conspiracy idea has several obvious advantages in the Arab struggle. It makes Israel's very existence sinister; it cushions the reality of repeated defeats at Israel's hands; it makes Israel appear more dangerous, thus continuing to stimulate destructive passions in the Arab populace. Finally, by linking the Zionist conspiracy with European imperialism, the Arabs have won wide sympathy for their cause in the former colonies of the Third World.

Just as Christian Europe once blamed the Jews for diverse evils in their midst, so now a motley of Arab countries regularly reviles Israel and blames it for its problems. With over 20 votes at the United Nations, control over much of the world's disposable oil, and vast financial resources the Arabs have the power to impose their views on others and have used it to raise anti-semitism to the level of international politics.

For some 1,400 years that the Jews lived under Islamic rule, they were never free from discrimination, "but rarely subject to persecution." The situation of the Jews in Moslem lands was "never as bad as in Christendom at its worst, nor ever as good as in Christendom at its best." Nothing in Islamic history is close to the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, or the Inquisition, or the pogroms or the Holocaust. "There is also nothing to compare with the progressive emancipation and acceptance accorded to Jews in the democratic West during the last three centuries." Lewis says, "Violent persecution, forced conversion and banishment were rare, though not unknown."

Apologists for Islam often cite the prominent role which Jews played in international commerce in Muslim lands in the Middle Ages, extraordinary works which Jews wrote in the Arab language or the autonomous institutions which Jews devised in the Islamic world as evidence of Arab-Jewish understanding. It should be remembered, however, that all those remarkable accomplishments belong to a relatively brief span of time (perhaps 330 years) in the 13 centuries of Muslim rule.

Political and religious subordination, fiscal exploitation and attacks on persons and property hardly constitute a relationship of harmony and protection.

Lewis isn't sure whether the Arab-Israeli conflict has resulted in the permanent infection of Islamic thinking, or whether the anti-semite excesses will disappear after a political solution to the conflict is worked out.

Rabbi Kook, once the Chief Rabbi of Palestine, emphasized the positive aspects of Islam. "The goal of the great rabbis of Israel is not to belittle and destroy Muslim beliefs, but to improve and refine them. When they will take on a new coloration, they will join with the wellsprings of Judaism."

Rabbi Kook looked forward to the time when, after all the enmity and wars between the Arabs and Israel, "the cousins" will be united by bonds of the kinship of their religions. Halevi.

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Arts

Gallery Gatherings

Del Bello features international miniature art exhibit

Compiled by
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Albert White Gallery: New works by Roy Lichtenstein. 80 Spadina Ave., 865-1021.

Alexander's Beau Monde Art Gallery: Works by Erte, Lebedang and original and signed lithos by Israeli artists Arie, Agam, Ebgi and Shemi. 37 Staffern Dr., unit 3, Concord. 738-1227.

Art Gallery of Ontario: Major exhibits include *Vatican Splendour*, masterpieces of 17th century Italian and Baroque art, through Nov. 30; historic photographs of British India by Linnaeus Tripe through January; paintings by Will Gorlitz and drawings by Nancy Johnson, opens Nov. 22; an educational exhibit, *Vital Signs: A Look at How Art Communicates*, to Dec. 14. 317 Dundas St. W., 977-0414.

Bau-Xi Gallery: New oils by Chris Temple, to Nov. 29. 340 Dundas St. W., 977-0600.

Bonnie Kagan Gallery: Large floral watercolors by Eileen Raucher Sutton, to Dec. 6. 80 Spadina Ave., suite 304, 364-6181.

Bremner Fine Art: Oils and silkscreens by Georgia Amar to Nov. 15; paintings by Alberto de Castro, Nov. 22-Dec. 4. 60 Bullock Dr., Markham. 294-1104.

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Craft Gallery: Garments and wall hangings by Connie Jefferess, to Nov. 30. 346 Dundas St. W. 977-3551.

Del Bello Gallery: The First International Exhibit of Miniature Art will feature some 3,000 works of miniature art by 1,400 artists from all over the world, through December. 363 Queen St. W., 593-0884.

Evelyn Aimis Fine Art: A Canadian Profile: Works on paper by Clint Atkinson, Brian Wood and Susan Scott, Nov. 15-Dec. 4. 14 Hazelton Ave., 961-0878.

First Impressions Gallery: Recent serigraphs and drawings by Giancarlo Impiglia, to Nov. 20; ARTORONTO featuring local artists, opens Nov. 22. 334 Dundas W., 591-8461.

Gallery Dresdnere: Spring landscapes by Chaki, to Nov. 19; paintings by Marcelle Ferron opens Nov. 22. Hazelton Ave., 923-4662.

Gallery 44: *Situations*, works combining fiction and photography by David Arnold, to Nov. 22. 109 Niagara St. 363-5187.

Gallery Moos: New sculpture by Joe Fafard, to Nov. 26. 136 Yorkville., 922-0627.

Gallery NYAC: Calligraphic paintings by Kathryn Finter, to Nov. 22. 7 Edithvale Dr., 225-4486.

Gallery One: New works on canvas by Joseph Drapell, to Nov. 26. 121 Scollard St., 929-3103.

Gallery TPW: *Agoraphobia*, photographs by Randy Saharuni. 80 Spadina Ave., suite 310. 362-4242.

Gamma Art International: Works by Ardon, Vasarely, Weil, Friedlaender, Agam and others. 62 Wellesley St. W., suite 1706. By appointment only. 966-3616.

Garnet Press: Litho Printing/Gallery: New drawings and paintings by Sybil Goldstein opens Nov. 15. 580 Richmond St. W., 366-5012.

George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art: *A Taste of Elegance*, 18th century English porcelain from private Ontario collections, through January; pre-Columbian pottery, English delftware, Continental and English porcelain and Italian majolica continues. 111 Queen's Park, 593-9300.

Glass Art Gallery: Recent bronzes by Janak Khendry, to Nov. 22. 21 Hazelton Ave., 968-1823.

Glendon Gallery: Paintings and illustrations by Jerzy Kolacz, opens Nov. 13. 2275 Bayview Ave., 487-6206.

Harbourfront Art Gallery: *The Refugee Room*, A multi-media installation by Rochelle Rubinstein Kaplan, in the Studio Theatre, Nov. 25, 26 and 27; architectural plans, drawings and models by architect Arthur Erickson in The Art Gallery to Nov. 30; an installation by Andrew Dutkewych in the Sculpture Court to Nov. 30; *Old Pascua*, photographs by Lorne Greenberg, through January. 235 Queen's Quay W., 869-8410.

Hollander York Gallery: Paintings by Alan Moak, Nov. 29-Dec. 9. 120 Scollard St., 923-9275.

Jane Corkin Gallery: Recent photographs by Carol Marino to Nov. 15. 179 John St. 979-1980.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: Works on paper by Lois Ellis opens Nov. 13. Hart House, University of Toronto, 978-2453.

Karney-Daniels Gallery: Paintings by Frederic Steiger, to Nov. 15. 11 Yorkville Ave. 964-1122.

Koffler Gallery: Art by 10 Canadian artists and photographers, inspired by a recent tour of Switzerland, to Nov. 21; current explorations in glass and enamel by three artists, to Nov. 21. 4588 Bathurst St. 636-1880.

Leo Kamin Gallery: New paintings by Victor Mateo, to Nov. 26. 80 Spadina Ave., 365-9515.

Market Gallery: *Window on Toronto:* An exhibit of period merchandise to show how Toronto store windows have changed, through January. 95 Front St. E., 392-7604.

McMichael Canadian Collection: *Emily Carr: The Portraits* opens Nov. 23; *Maria Chapdelaine*, illustrations of the book by Clarence Gagnon, opens Nov. 23; opening this month: *Pure Vision: The Keewatin Spirit*, Inuit sculpture from the Keewatin Region; works by Montreal artist Prudence Heward, to Nov. 16. In Kleinburg, 893-1121.

Mercer Union: *Dark Light:* Installations by three artists. 333 Adelaide W., 977-1412.

Mira Godard Gallery: New paintings by Otto Rogers to Nov. 26; recent prints by Otis Tamasauskas, Nov. 15-Dec. 3. 22 Hazelton Ave., 964-8197.

Nancy Poole's Studio: Watercolors and paintings on canvas by Joan Folinsbee, Nov. 15-27. 16 Hazelton Ave., 964-9050.

Olga Korper Gallery: New works by Don Jean Louis to Dec. 3. 80 Spadina Ave. 363-5268.

Partisan Gallery: *Cruel Pen:* Drawings by Dawna Gallagher, to Nov. 30. 1140 Queen St. W. 532-9681.

Quan-Schieder Gallery: A retrospective by Leslie Poole, to Nov. 27. 112 Scollard St., 968-7822.

Roberts Gallery: New works by John Gould, to Nov. 15; landscapes of Ontario by Mackay Houstoun, Nov. 19-29. 641 Yonge St. 924-8731.

Royal Ontario Museum: A retrospective of 75 paintings by Paul Peel opens Nov. 15; in the new permanent gallery, 27 Chinese and European textile pieces, to February, 1987; 22 oil paintings from the Canadian Portrait Gallery to Dec.; major exhibits include Canada's Handwoven Heritage, a collection of 19th and 20th century Canadian handweaving, to next January; Buddhist and Hindu stone sculpture and sculpture from the South Asian collection on indefinitely. 100 Queen's Park Cres.

S.L. Simpson Gallery: Large-scale sculptural paintings by Renee Van Halm, to Nov. 26. 515 Queen St. W., 362-3738.

Sable-Castelli Gallery: Photographically-based work by Suzy Lake, to Nov. 22. 33 Hazelton Ave., 961-0011.

The Gallery: First Canadian show of drawings and paintings by Yehuda Silberstein, to Nov. 29. First Canadian Place, lower level.

Toronto Sculpture Garden: A major new work by Stacey Spiegel through next April. 115 King St. E. 485-9658.

Waddington & Shiell Gallery: New paintings by Dorothy Knowles, to Nov. 29. 33 Hazelton Ave. 925-2461.

Wynick/Tuck Gallery: New paintings and works on paper by Bernard Gamoy, to Dec. 3. 80 Spadina, 364-8716.

Yaneff Gallery: Recent paintings by Jerzy Kolacz, to Nov. 29. 119 Isabella St., 924-6677.

Ydessa Gallery: Sculpture by Noel Harding, to Nov. 15. 334 Queen St. W., 593-1100.

York University Art Gallery: *Ancient Cultures of Peru*, ceramics of Peru from the 14th century BC to the 14th century AD, Nov. 19-Dec. 19. Ross Bldg. room N-145, 4700 Keele St., 736-5169.

Paul Newman as smooth-talking Fast Eddie Felson stars with Canadian actress Helen Shaver in the pool shark film, The Color of Money.

Color of Money has no soul

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Some movies are all puff and no stuff. The trimmings are visually exciting, but the characters are hollow at the core.

The Color Of Money (at the Hollywood and Cumberland Four) is a superior example of this genre. The acting, dialogue, camera work and directing are dazzling. But like money itself, the people are soulless.

Director Martin Scorsese (best known as the poet of street-wise sleaze films such as *Mean Streets* and *Taxi Driver*) has fashioned a highly polished and hard-boiled sequel to *The Hustler*.

When we last saw Paul Newman in that film 25 years ago, he was Fast Eddie Felson, a smalltime pool shark who had been trained by a corrupt promoter (played by George C. Scott) to beat the champion of poolroom hustlers Minnesota Fats (Jackie Gleason).

In this *Son Of The Hustler*, so to speak, we return to Fast Eddie who has slowed down in middle age and retired from pool playing to become a jaded Chicago liquor salesman.

His cynicism has transformed him into a con artist on the make, a more charming but equally corrupt version of the George C. Scott character.

In his new role as "stakehorse," he discovers a pure young "thoroughbred" — a cocky pool-playing kid who reminds him of himself when he was a natural up-and-coming ace who gloried in his skill.

His protege is an Italian jock named Vincent Lauria, and it's great fun to watch this showoff in action as portrayed by Tom Cruise (recently seen as the young jet pilot in *Top Gun*). He's a swaggering, pompadoured hotshot, who twirls his cue stick around with bravado after a masterful shot and accepts the applause from the spectators with a nauseating grin.

It's also wonderfully entertaining to watch Newman discipline the braggart in the art of losing preliminary games in order to entice moneyed suckers into playing with him.

"Sometimes it pays off to dump a game," Newman scolds the enthusiast. Then, in the crisp dialogue provided by novelist Richard Price, he mouths the pragmatic witticism, "Money won is twice as good as money earned."

The film ends with an ironic reversal of roles. Fast Eddie wants to prove to himself that he hasn't lost his touch with a billiard cue. In a climactic competition, he takes on his protege. But by this time young Lauria has been corrupted by his master and intentionally dumps the game.

The camera work by German cinematographer Michael Ballhaus (a graduate of the Rainer Werner Fassbinder school of moviemaking) is superb — from the dingy, smoke-filled poolrooms at the beginning to the cathedral-like tournament hall in Atlantic City at the end.

And Scorsese keeps the action throughout fast-paced and crackling with raunchy virility. I particularly enjoyed Fast Eddie's brittle wisecrack when his protege gloats over having won $150 in games with the dupes: "You go into a shoestore today with 150 bucks, you just walk out with one shoe."

I felt somewhat the same way about the film itself. Its exterior is sleek and shiny and expensive, but because of its lack of depth, it remains half of the movie it could have been.

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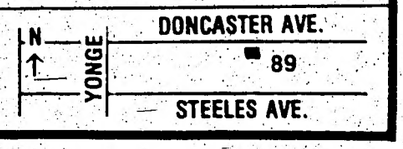

Arts

Story of Rosa Luxemburg

Film portrays firebrand with dignity

BY
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Rosa Luxemburg was a firebrand, a Jewish revolutionary, and one of the founders of the German Communist Party. She was born in Poland, into a family of merchants, and she was killed in Germany, a martyr to her cause.

Luxemberg's career unfolded in Poland, Switzerland and Germany. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Polish Social Democratic Party; she was a leading figure in the left wing of the German Socialist movement; she was prominent in the Socialist International.

Known as "Red Rosa," Luxemburg was an ardent pacifist. In 1915, after having broken with the German Social Democratic Party over the question of war credits, she was arrested for conducting anti-war propaganda. Released from prison, she was detained by the authorities just a year later.

Scene from Rosa Luxemburg, the film about the Jewish revolutionary.

Following the war, she became editor of The Red Flag, the organ of the Spartacus group, which in turn was transformed into the Communist Party. Luxemburg, who devised its program, was taken into custody by army officers on Jan. 15, 1919, and she and her colleague, Karl Liebknecht, the co-founder of The Red Flag, were murdered, their bodies dumped into a Berlin canal.

Margarethe von Trotta, the noted West German director, has made a film about her life. The 2-hour picture, *Rosa Luxemburg*, examines her political career through the prism of her fiery personality.

Barbara Sukowa plays the part of Luxemburg, and plays it exceedingly well. Luxemburg is depicted as a brilliant, free-spirited woman who moves confidently through a man's world.

We see her cavorting with the likes of Leo Jogiches (Daniel Olbrychski), her lover and fellow revolutionary; August Bebel (Jan-Paul Biczycki), the father figure of the German Social Democratic Party; Karl Kautsky (Jurgen Holtz), the theoretician of the SDP; and Liebknecht, the only reichstag deputy who refused to vote for war credits in that momentous year, 1914.

Although much of the film casts Luxemburg as a political animal, she is also depicted as a warm-hearted woman who craved a normal family life. She failed to achieve that object, in large part because Jogiches was totally devoted to his work and his philandering.

There is nothing in the film about her Jewishness, save for a fleeting reference at the outset to her Polish-Jewish origin. If anything, Luxemburg is portrayed as a cosmopolitan assimilationist who lights Christmas candles and makes a brief, unexplained appearance in a church.

Barbara Sukowa, an accomplished actress whose Aryan looks would have delighted a Nazi like Goebbels, is fine in the role as Luxemburg. Bringing to it passionate commitment and high intelligence, Sukowa distills Luxemburg's quicksilver moods with a professionalism that is admirable.

The supporting cast is good as well.

Rosa Luxemburg, now playing at the Carlton, successfully recreates the atmosphere of the times. And one particular scene, that of a masked ball, perfectly conveys the brittle gaiety of fin de siecle Europe.

Margarethe von Trotta's movie does not lend itself to simple categorization. It is a political film of uncommon seriousness, a film Hollywood could not and would not have made. But, by the same token, *Rosa Luxemburg* is also a dignified portrait of a rebellious woman whose ideas led to her untimely demise.

Cabaret an uneven production

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

"Welcome to Cabaret," rasps the master of ceremonies of Berlin's decadent Kit Kat Klub in a mirthless, satanic, mocking voice. "Here life eez bee-oo-ti-ful!"

That grim tone prevails throughout the entire show until it ends with a goose-stepping chorus line bearing swastikas.

This is a heavy, uneven and joyless production of the 1966 award-winning Broadway musical currently running at the Leah Posluns Theatre until Nov. 22.

It's certainly different from the far more electric and often exuberant *Cabaret* also playing at the Limelight Theatre.

Theatregoers who are fans of the Fred Ebb and John Kander musical drama about the tawdry underbelly of Hitler's Berlin in 1929 would be well advised to see both versions and make their own comparisons.

Robert Rozen, who was so inventively witty in *Kuni Leml* last season at the Leah Posluns, seems to have patterned his emcee after Joel Grey in the film version. He is a cynic throughout, a perpetual demonic grin on his pasty face, given to wicked cackles.

His dance with the Jewish gorilla in the *If You Could See Her (As I Do)* is chilling rather than amusing. Even his *Two Ladies* skit, which should be uproarious, seems charmless.

It may have been opening night nerves, but I also found disappointing some of the other major players, who seemed miscast. Helen Hughes, an otherwise sterling Toronto character actress, appeared lost — and ridiculously thin — in the role of the supposedly buxom landlady, Fraulein Schneider. Furthermore, she has no singing voice.

Norma Dell' Agnese caught the mannerisms of the affected Sally Bowles, but made her an unlikeable simp. A comedienne rather than a singer, Dell' Agnese fumbled every song, except the mournful *Maybe Next Time*.

Robert Rozen in Cabaret at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Perhaps both actresses are improving during the run of the show.

On the positive side, I enjoyed the performances of opera singer Cindy Raskin as the whore who specializes in the seduction of sailors; Allan Price as the lovelorn Jewish grocer singing the Yiddish ballad *Meeksite*; and the choreography of Janice Lucy who put the zoftig Kit Kat Kittens through their paces nicely.

International entertainer Petrescu will perform

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Hermina Petrescu, an international entertainer who sings in 5 languages, will perform at St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 2.15 p.m.

Petrescu, who describes herself as a mixture of Liza Minelli, Joan Rivers and Pearl Bailey, is the producer, promoter and star performer of the 14th Annual Gala Artistic Recital.

The Toronto show, which Petrescu says is intended to make people sing, laugh and cry, is in English.

Peterscu has a home in Toronto but travels a good part of each year taking her show to such places as Israel, Greece, Spain and Italy. "I am really a wandering minstrel," she says.

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Arts

Macdonald production at Royal Alex

Mikado gets even yummier

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

As every Gilbert and Sullivan fan knows, one of the most beloved songs in *The Mikado* **is the bouncy ballad** *I'm Going To Marry Yum-Yum, Yum-Yum.*

When this reviewer originally saw choreographer-director Brian Macdonald's entrancing version of the operetta at the Stratford Festival in 1982, I instantly fell in love and proclaimed it "yum-yummy."

So what else is there to say about it now that it has been revived, with most of its original cast members intact, for an engagement until Dec. 14 at the Royal Alexandra Theatre? How can you improve on a sweetheart of a show that is so delightfully close to perfection?

Well, G & S meister Macdonald has managed to polish it even more, adding a few topical references here and a few stunning dance steps there. So now it's an absolute honey of a show, which can only be labeled "super-yum-yummy."

The yummiest of the brilliant cast of performers are two deliciously funny comics right out of Minsky's Burlesque.

Richard McMillan, who looks like an elongated pretzel, converts the bribe-taking Poo-Bah into a scoundrelly figure of fun, spritzing his vowels and even milking the word "Yes" for laughs, pronouncing it as though it were "Yowzzzz."

Eric Donken, who looks like an animated potato dumpling, waddles—and hops and gallumphs through his role of Ko-Ko, the tailor turned Lord High Executioner, with the expert buffoonery that reminds one of the great slapstick artists of the silent movies.

It's a joy to watch the pair of jesters work together so deftly in their duets, like a team of pickpockets.

Savoyard purists may take umbrage at the topical wisecrack lyrics injected by John Banks into the patter song, *Let The Punishment Fit The Crime.* But they forget that when William Schwenck Gilbert originally wrote the lyrics in the Victorian era, he was spoofing the frailties and foibles of public figures in his period.

Like the opening-night audience, I got a hoot out of the barbs directed at Mulroney, Turner, the RCMP, and Yorkville snobs who don't dare be seen shopping at Honest Ed's.

But yummiest of all is the sheer visual spectacle that Macdonald has confected. He dazzles us with a mammoth Japanese fan as a backdrop and other sets that are parodies of the Orient: a paper moon, bonsai trees, gleaming hanging vines.

And the constant movement is also a joy to behold: the chorus of men snapping their fans with crackling glee, the chorus of women tittering and hippety-hopping in their peach-colored kimonos.

A super-yum-yummy confection all around — a classic which has not turned stale.

Richard McMillan, as Poo-Bah, is seen condescending imperiously to "three little maids from school," Karen Skidmore (left), Marie Baron and Karen Wood in The Mikado.

Act of Vengeance

Tough subject treated decently

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Union corruption is not a new theme in movies. Hollywood has dealt with the subject more than once over the years.

Act of Vengeance is another one in the genre. Based on factual information, the film recounts the events that led to the 1969 murder of Joseph (Jock) Yablonski, his wife Margaret and his daughter Charlotte at the hands of hired goons.

Yablonski signed his death warrant when he rebelled against the leadership of United Mine Workers president Tony Boyle.

Boyle, as depicted here, was corrupt, racist and venal. He stole money from the miners' pension fund and, after a coal mine disaster in West Virginia, he defended the company instead of berating its safety standards or commiserating with the miners' widows.

In general, he would not tolerate dissent and he viewed the union as his fiefdom.

Yablonski, a high-ranking official, broke ranks with Boyle and formed a group called Miners for Democracy after Boyle's miserable performance in the wake of the West Virginia mine explosion.

He would contest the next union election, kick out Boyle, and root out corruption. He would, in short, return the union to the miners.

Learning of his intentions, Boyle instructed his henchmen to murder Yablonksi. There were a few botched attempts on his life. But on New Year's Eve 1969, three paid killers penetrated his home in Clarksville, Penn., and murdered him, his wife and their daughter as they lay sleeping in bed.

In the end, justice prevailed. The murderers were found and sent to prison, while Boyle was given three terms of life imprisonment.

Boyle died of natural causes last year, maintaining his innocence.

Act of Vengeance, now playing at the Eaton Centre, is not a great film. It is not even a very good film. It is merely an ordinary one. However, it can be commended for tackling a tough subject and giving it relatively decent treatment.

Far too often, it looks and sounds like a grade-B movie (some members of the audience were in the F-class category). But, for all its obvious faults, Act of Vengeance is worth seeing.

Charles Bronson, in his role as Yablonski, is pretty mediocre. Usually, he wears a moronic angelic smile on his face, as if to denote that he is the fount of all goodness in this vile world.

Wilford Brimley's portrayal of Boyle is excellent. With his pinched face, his beady eyes and his nasal voice, Brimley is the epitome of corruption and venality writ large.

Ellen Burstyn is very effective as Yablonski's wife. She exudes a sweetness of character and a radiance of beauty that is extremely appealing.

Maury Chaykin, who appeared in *Canada's Sweetheart: The Saga of Hal C. Banks*, is fine as one of Boyle's vulgar hitmen.

John Mackenzie's film won't win any awards for overall quality, but it shouldn't be dismissed. It tells an important story that shouldn't be forgotten.

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Monteverde remains an unspoiled paradise

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

MONTEVERDE, Costa Rica —

It isn't easy to reach Monteverde, but it is definitely worth the effort.

To get there, you need a sturdy 4-wheel drive truck or jeep. For no other vehicle can make it up the tortuous rutted dirt road to Monteverde.

Elsewhere in Costa Rica, I met travelers who had longed to see Monteverde, but had never made it for lack of proper transportation. As a tourist destination, accessibility is Monteverde's chief problem, but this, strangely enough, is one of its hidden charms. It means that Monteverde will not be overrun by hordes of tourists, and will therefore retain its pristine pure quality for some time to come.

Last year, Monteverde attracted only 7,000 visitors, and no doubt the figure would have been far higher had there been a paved road.

From the main road down in the valley, it takes 1½ hours to drive up to Monteverde, which is several thousand feet above sea level. The landscape changes dramatically the higher you go. Tropical vistas gradually give way to alpine scenery worthy of North America or Europe, and as you ascend the weather grows cooler.

By the time you arrive in Monteverde, it is rather cool and drizzly.

So what is the excitement all about? Why invest so much trouble getting to such a remote place?

Monteverde is one of the wonders of the world, a rare, fantastic cloud forest, a nature reserve that the National Geographic Magazine has hailed effusively.

The Monteverde Cloud Forest Preserve, to call it by its proper name, is a 2,600 hectare sanctuary where plants and wildlife are given absolute protection.

In tropical mountain regions, cloud forests are formed by the combination of high humidity and low cloud cover. Moisture-laden trade winds blow over the Continental Divide, bathing the forest in mist throughout the year. The sun gets through the dense canopy, particularly during the months of February and March, but misty conditions largely prevail in Monteverde.

Mist and fog rolled through during the course of my 3-hour hike, and at times it rained. Thanks to a poncho and sweater, I managed to keep warm and dry. But the sea of mud soaked my sneakers and soiled my white pants. Rodrigo Herrera, my guide, avoided these problems by wearing waterproof boots into which he tucked his trousers.

This incovenience notwithstanding, Monteverde lived up to expectations. In other words, it was simply wonderful.

I was endlessly fascinated by the vegetation, the birds, the butterflies and the howler monkeys I spied occasionally.

Traversing Monteverde was like walking through some giant celestial greenhouse. Vine-entangled, moss-covered trees, bamboo groves, common North American houseplants like heliconia and philodendron and brighly-colored wild flowers thrive here. And if you don't stumble off the marked path, you'll come to an ethereal waterfall hard by a gurgling stream.

Birds such as quetzals and macaws, with their rainbow hues, inhabit Monteverde. And blue and yellow and orange and purple butterflies as big as small birds, some with transparent wings, flutter through its sunny forest clearings.

Colonies of howler monkeys, emitting disembodied grunt-like roars, squat on or hang from the highest branches of trees.

Animals like sloths, tapirs, armadillos and kinkajus abound, but they're rarely seen during daylight hours. Frog-eating snakes are found here as well, and one of their prey is the extremely rare golden toad, which inhabits no other locale than Monteverde.

In the lower regions of the forest, poisonous snakes of the order of vipers and fer de lances live out their lives in harmony with their surroundings.

The land on which Monteverde is located is owned by an American Quaker colony whose nearby cheese factory has a reputation for excellence throughout this peaceful Central American country.

The Quakers left their homes in the U.S. to escape the draft, and they settled in Costa Rica because it has the unique distinction of being one of the only countries in the world without an army.

They bought several thousand hectares of land and left aside some as a watershed area. In 1972, the Quakers, in conjunction with the Tropical Science Center in San Jose, established the preserve.

Nature buffs throughout Costa Rica and the world have been drawn to Monteverde ever since, and today it remains as unspoiled as it was in the 1970s.

If a good paved road is ever built, Monteverde's character may change. But for now, it is the closest thing to the Garden of Eden you may ever see.

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By
JAMES MONTAGNES

TORONTO —

Every year there are more of us reaching 65 years of age and every year there are more inducements for those of pensionable age to travel.

Just about everywhere there are discounts for the mature travelers now.

Take bus lines as an example. In Canada Gray Coach Lines, out of Toronto, now offers a 10% discount every day of the year, on all its routes. Voyageur-Colonial, which operates mainly between Ontario and Quebec destinations, has a one-third discount every day.

Go Transit out of Toronto and the Ontario Northland Railway have half-fare rates on bus routes, and in case of Ontario Northland also on rail routes, with one-third rate discount on overnight rail travel. Greyhound Bus in Canada and in the United States offers a 10% discount, while Trailways in the U.S. has a varied schedule of discounts for seniors.

Railway lines here and abroad have many discounts for older passengers. VIA Rail in Canada has its Ambassador fares for those over 60 years, with one-third off regular rail fares, but not for sleeping and parlor car accommodation. AMTRAK in the United States gives a 25% discount for one-way and return trip fares.

Some, but by no means all airlines, have discounts for seniors. It is well to watch for special excursion rates, because sometimes these can be cheaper than fares with senior discounts. Sometimes there are limited airline discounts for the elderly, such as Air Canada's offer this fall, from Nov. 1 to Dec. 6. This discount is given for a passenger accompanying the senior traveler, the younger person receiving the 60% discount off the regular economy fare.

United Airlines has a limited offer for travel completed by April 15, 1987, on its Silver Wings Plus plan. Travel can be on its services throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Bahamas and Singapore. You must join its Silver Wings Travel Club at U.S.$25 for self, or with a companion at U.S.$75.

Within Canada both Canadian Pacific and Air Canada have 25% discounts for seniors over 65 years and a variety of conditions, such as advance ticketing. Other airlines with discounts for older travelers include U.S. Air, Aloha Airlines, Royal Hawaiian Airlines, and Republic Airlines. Eastern and Trans-World sell year-long passes for use on their routes at a specific price to seniors.

In Europe Scandinavian Airlines, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, British Airways and Finnair sometimes have special fares for mature travelers on specific routes. There are occasional trans-Atlantic air fares at a discount for older persons.

In Europe railway discounts very from country to country for seniors, with ages ranging from 55 to 67 years to qualify. The discounts also apply to bus and boat travel since in many countries all transportation services are government operated. Most European countries have a senior's discount card available for a nominal sum. Sometimes these cards require a passport-size photograph of the holder.

Many attractions have special senior rates. Latest to announce such discounted entrance fees are Six Flags Over Texas, near Dallas, and Sea World at Orlando, Fla. You need proof of age (passport, birth certificate, senior citizen card, etc.) to show you are over 55 years to claim this discount of about 25%. Even museums and art galleries throughout the western world give a discount to older visitors — just have some identification to prove you age.

Then there are hotels and resorts of all types, some of which issue their own identification cards for older guests, others who will accept rail, air or bus tickets issued at a discount as proof of age.

Main fact to remember with discounts for accommodations: Make reservations at least a day in advance, as some hotel chains will only supply rooms on an availability basis. Discounts could vary by 10%, and apply in some hotel chains with properties throughout the world.

Photos elevate the commonplace

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

There is no reason why the ordinary cannot be extraordinary. Flip through the pages of *A Day in the Life of America (Collins, $49.95)* and you will see why the commonplace can be elevated to sublime heights.

This sumptuous photo album celebrates the common American, the common people, as the framers of the constitution might have put it.

In 275 photographs, Americans of all creeds and colors are seen against the backdrop of their homes or places of work.

A young Mexican-American mother in East Los Angeles plays with her infant on a bed; white-collar workers in New Haven read their morning newspapers as they wait for a New York-bound commuter train; doctors, nurses and patients crowd the emergency room of a New Orleans hospital; a waitress at the Concord Hotel grapples with kosher breakfast trays; cadets in a South Carolina military academy prepare for a dress parade; a doorman outside Gucci's New York outle checks his watch; retirees in Clearwater, Fla., frolic in a swimming pool; members of the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia assemble for a meeting.

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Sdeh Boker draws visitors from Israel and abroad

Ben-Gurion's Negev kibbutz marking centennial

JERUSALEM —

The Jewish world is currently marking the David Ben-Gurion centenary year — the 100th anniversary of the birth of the founder of the Jewish state.

A memorial assembly in October in Jerusalem ushered in the event and it is expected that thousands of visitors to Israel will this year want to make a pilgrimage to BG's home and final resting place in the Negev.

Ben-Gurion's last resting place, a location of his own choosing, is one of the most impressive sites in Israel. Here the tombs of Paula and David Ben-Gurion overlook the mighty lunar landscape of the desert of Zin, where more than 3,000 years ago the Israelites made their way from Egypt back to the land of Canaan. But one mile in the other direction, the eye is struck by a lush, green expanse of fields and orchards.

The vivid contrast between arid desert and fertile farmland with the tombs in between, sums up one of Ben-Gurion's visions: transforming the wide, empty expanses of Israel's Negev desert into fertile farmland.

Ben-Gurion made himself part of this huge project, leaving the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem in 1953, to join the small group of settlers who had founded kibbutz Sdeh Boker. For two years he worked alongside the kibbutzniks, setting a personal example for the youth of Israel to go south and develop and resettle this barren wasteland.

After two years he was recalled to political life in the capital, but when Ben-Gurion retired for good, he came back to his kibbutz.

At the ripe old age (for other people) of 77, "the old man," as he had lovingly been known for many years, became a shepherd once more, living in a simple wooden barrack like the other settlers. Well — not quite. He had to have time to write his memoirs, to consult his extensive library, and to receive the famous and powerful from all over the world who beat a path to his modest dwelling.

Ben-Gurion's barrack and grave have become — one might say — a shrine, were the word so out-of-place for a down-to-earth man like BG. Whatever we call it, the sites draw visitors from Israel and abroad, who interrupt their journey to or from Eilat to pay respect to or make acquaintance with this remarkable personality.

Between kibbutz Sdeh Boker and the burial site a new complex has sprung up since "the old man's" death. It is a branch of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, the main campus of which is in Beersheba, where research takes place in various fields in order to make the desert a place to live and work and produce in, in line with BG's vision.

Ben-Gurion's hut can be visited between 8.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

Many are the sites in Israel associated with Ben-Gurion. Some of them bear his name, like the Ben-Gurion University or Ben-Gurion International Airport, where most visitors to the country arrive. Others carry his imprint, even after some 80 years.

BG arrived in Palestine in 1906 at the age of 20. The country was empty, wild, neglected. Like most of his contemporaries he worked at physical labor in the new villages and settlements these young people were setting up: Petah Tikvah, Rishon Le'Zion, Sejera, Kinnereth.

Looking at the prosperous villages in Galilee today, it is hard to imagine that BG had the backbreaking task of taking boulders out of the barren soil. Today Petah Tikvah and Rishon Le'Zion are bustling towns; when Ben-Gurion worked there, they were just getting started as farming settlements. In Rishon Le'Zion he worked in the wine cellars, still today one of the largest in the country and a popular stop with tourists, who are taken on conducted tours and get to sample the wine.

As BG became involved in social and political affairs, spending much time in Tel Aviv, he and his wife bought a modest home in a newly built workers' quarter of the city. It served them till their deaths, whenever they were not in Jerusalem or Sdeh Boker.

The house, built in 1928, has been preserved and can be visited. Both it and the quarter have lost much of their original modest aspect. The house had a second storey added to enable BG to hold conferences and to create room for his ever expanding private library. The library with 20,000 volumes, and the original furnishings, remain unchanged. Visiting hours are between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays, and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

As the days of the British Mandate in Palestine drew to a close, BG was in charge of the country's Jewish political establishment, which on May 14, 1948, entrusted him with the honor of reading the Declaration of Independence of the new state and the responsibility of becoming its first Prime Minister.

The historic ceremony took place in the Tel Aviv Museum. The original institution, an art museum, has since moved to larger, more luxurious quarters, and the building on Rothschild Blvd. now houses a Bible museum. This function is quite appropriate in view of the vivid interest BG always displayed towards Bible studies.

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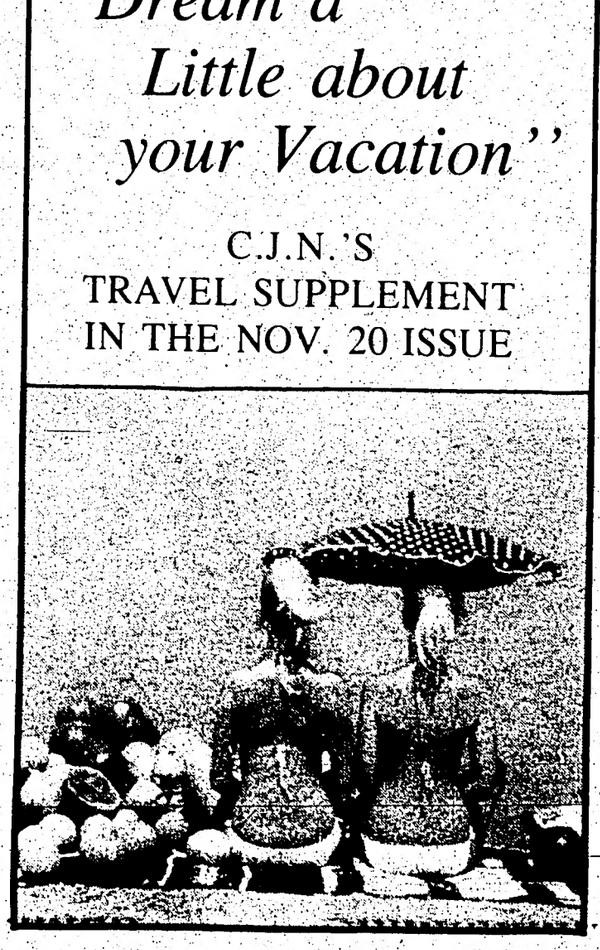

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By

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Question: My father died several months ago. He had three annuities of which I am the sole beneficiary. Since the annuities must now be cashed out and become taxable, would it be best to wait until 1987?

Answer: No, this will not help reduce the tax. The total value of the RRSP as of the date of death must be included in your father's final income tax return.

So you see, deferring the date of payment until next year will make no difference. You may as well have the money now.

Question: I am 65 this year and want to use my RRSP to arrange for the $1,000 Pension Income Deduction. I only have about $7,000; will this be enough?

Answer: No, it is not quite enough. You will have to purchase an annuity to pay you $1,000 per year with the first payment this December, thus qualifying for 1986.

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	65	510.27	485.42
	71	549.05	527.22
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	71	506.25	495.03
		Male and Female	
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	71	491.42	
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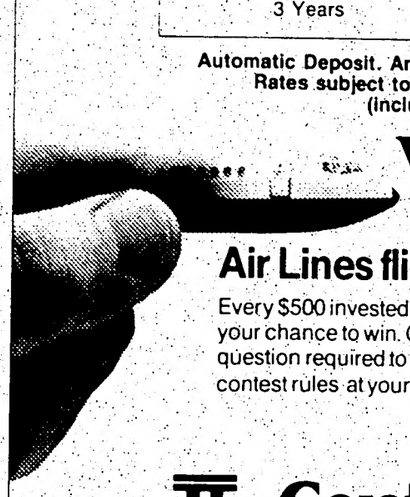

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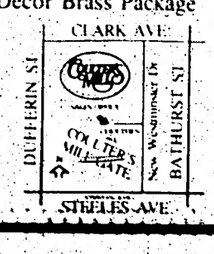

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"Trying to be a little different"

New kosher butcher in Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — The state of Winnipeg's kosher meat scene did not deter Lawrence Bliss and his fiancee and partner, Kathryn Bailey, from recently opening Family Kosher Meats & Deli, the city's newest kosher butcher shop.

Where 25 years ago, Winnipeg's and Western Canada's Jewish communities supported up to 30 kosher butchers in this city, today there are just three.

"I trained in Edmonton with Zal's Kosher Meats," said Bliss, whose grandparents were Winnipeggers. "We found that prices (in Winnipeg) are high for kosher meat products, but service was very good in many areas. We are trying to be a little different, to find our own share of the market."

This is a "very poor market" for the number of Jews here, he added. "Maybe 10-15% of the community is committed to kashruth in their homes. Most of them are older people who don't buy large orders. A lot of people are buying a little, but few seem to be buying a lot."

Family Kosher Meats' approach has been to tackle the reasons for which Bliss says a lot of people don't buy kosher — price and preparation. "We are meeting both excuses head to head," he said.

"At kosher prices, we feel the customer should receive good quality tender meat. We are specialists in aging. We kasher all our meat. Nobody else can keep meat hanging longer than nine days."

The new retailer also wraps all his products in plastic. "It should be easy for people to keep kosher," said Bliss, "but a lot of people don't have the time to prepare meat. We're trying to bridge the gap between Safeway and kosher. All you have to do with our meat is cook it as you would any other meat."

Lawrence Bliss

Omnitsky's, also in the north end, is the largest kosher butcher and producer of kosher deli products in Western Canada. "There is a demand for our products across Western Canada but in order to ship large quantities across provincial borders, we have to have federal approval, said Eppie Rappaport of Omnitsky's.

"We wouldn't be allowed to pursue a retail and a wholesale business in the same building as we do. That combination, however, is the reason for our success. We don't waste anything. Putting up a second building is a major undertaking."

Responding to customers' more health-conscious outlooks, Omnitsky's has introduced a line of poultry-based deli products such as turkey breast, turkey salami and turkey wieners. The butcher has also moved into catering and supplying sandwiches to downtown offices to increase business within the larger community.

Zipursky's Kosher Meat Market, the city's only south end kosher butcher shop, recently changed hands and is now managed by Barry Finkle who formerly operated Nates Kosher Meats in the north end.

Finkle is optimistic and he points to a number of young people showing serious interest in keeping kosher. "I'd like to see a lot more," he said. "Business has been not too bad."

Finkle's positive outlook is echoed by Judge Marvin Garfinkle, president of Winnipeg's Va'ad Hair, who reported that more brand names than ever are under kosher supervision and available at any supermarket.

"Winnipeg can support three or four kosher butcher shops from where I sit," he said, "and I'm glad to see a young entrepreneur confident enough in that market to risk opening a business."

According to Bliss, kashruth is the key to Judaism. "Eating among Jews is not just eating," he said. "Eating is a spiritual thing. If kashruth is to survive here, however, it has to be reliable and people should be excited about it.

"The more competition there is, the better quality and the lower the prices will be and more people will be interested in keeping kosher."

Develops heart-lung testing device

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By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — Few of us can resist the lure of space travel: even fewer of us have the opportunity to actually play a role in it, and Dr. Joseph Fisher, a specialist in internal medicine and anesthesia at Wellesley Hospital is more than thrilled to be one of the lucky ones.

Fisher is working on a machine to test cardiovascular functioning, which, he hopes, will be used in the U.S. space station scheduled for launch before the end of the century.

There are techniques and equipment that already exist to test how efficiently the heart and lungs are working. They are, however, impractical for use in space as they are time-consuming and require highly skilled medical personnel, he explained.

Fisher is developing a small, easily used and highly accurate device, in which the astronaut patient will inhale a small concentration of carbon dioxide for three breaths, and then exhale into a specially designed mouthpiece attached to a computer.

The computer, using what the doctor says is a simple mathematical formula, can work backwards to determine what the level of cardiac functioning must have been.

With the help of a California firm called Vacumetrics, Fisher presented his idea to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Houston. NASA gave him a contract to produce a prototype model, which he has done at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto.

Cliff Ansell, an engineering science student at the University of Toronto, has refined the apparatus, which is actually produced at Vacumetrics and shipped here, and created the necessary software for the computer which does the actual work of the machine.

The goal, following the successful test in March in Houston, is to improve and miniaturize the apparatus for use on the space station.

Explaining the benefits of this invention, Fisher said that on long space missions, where no medical personnel are present, it will be essential to have a simple and quick way to determine if an astronaut is in a life-threatening state of illness.

This is necessary in order to decide whether a rescue mission should be launched, or whether the astronaut can wait for treatment until the return to Earth.

With this apparatus in place, the astronaut can simply float over to the mouthpiece and blow into it. The information will be relayed to ground control, where the necessary decisions will be made.

"If there is any rationale to space exploration, at a time when there are so many problems on Earth, it must be to develop new technologies and ways of dealing with problems," Fisher says.

"The noblest part of the American space program is that it was not merely being in space for the sake of being there, but was also to expand and improve the human spirit."

There are applications to Fisher's work here on Earth, as well. Because of the size and ease of operation of the apparatus, it can be located in doctors' offices and emergency rooms.

As well, it can be built into the ventilators used to assist the breathing of critically ill patients — including children and premature infants who require constant monitoring but who are too weak or too small for the currently used methods to be feasible.

Fisher's wife, Sarah, and 4 children, ranging in age from 2 to 10, were at first not happy with the time, money and effort he expended on his project — "the initial work was all on my own time, using my own funds." Now, however, they share his excitement.

"Travel through space," he says, "is a chance to leave our petty existences on Earth and ahieve our potential of intellect and spirit. I am thrilled to be even a tiny part of it."

Author demonstrates that cooking can be fun

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — If you would love to try your hand at gourmet cooking but are intimidated by the thought of it, Susan Mendelson may have just the cookbook for you.

Mendelson, author of five bestselling cookbooks and co-founder of The Lazy Gourmet, Vancouver's first gourmet takeout, specializes in simplifying all those delicious yet complicated dishes you've always wanted to cook.

"Most cookbooks have a certain sense that if you don't follow a recipe exactly the dish is sure to fail. Novices can become neurotic that way," says Mendelson, who gave a recent cooking demonstration sponsored by Toronto Hadassah-WIZO and held at the Ontario Science Centre.

Using recipes from her books that include Mama Never Cooked Like This and the Official Cookbook of Expo 86, Mendelson showed the group that cooking really can be fun.

"Would you like to make a wheel of brie but shiver at the thought of trying it? Take some frozen puffed pastry, roll it out, wrap up the brie and bake it. For holidays you can add apples and cinnamon. Can you get easier than that?" laughs Mendelson.

She claims that most complicated recipes can be decoded. "What is salmon mousse except a mixture of smoked salmon and cream cheese."

Mendelson, 34, a native Torontonian moved to Vancouver 15 years ago and acquired a social work degree from the University of British Columbia. To make ends meet she worked as a house manager for the Vancouver East Cultural Centre "and since the job paid beans, pedaled my own cheesecake during intermissions."

She says the cake became such a hit, she started catering part time for the two years she was employed as a social worker. Six years ago she teamed up with Deborah Roitberg to open The Lazy Gourmet.

Mendelson, who has never had a cooking lesson says she learned to cook in self defence. "My mother taught us to get excited about TV dinners. And could she open a good can of corn niblets," she quips.

She believes that children can acquire a love of cooking at a young age and her children's cookbook, a kosher book called Let Me in the Kitchen is written to "remind children that food really does come from natural ingredients — not always from cans and mixes." She says among kids' favorite recipes are potato latkes and fettucine Alfredo.

Mendelson notes she has produced a song and dance cooking show for children also called Let Me in the Kitchen and she is in the midst of negotiating a television series for kids.

When asked if people are intimidated when it comes to cooking for her, Mendelson replies that she "just does not understand why. Give me salad, a grilled cheese sandwich and something chocolate for dessert and I'm thrilled."

She adds that most people like to entertain but feel too much pressure in trying to impress their guests. "My recipes teach them that cooking needn't be a chore."

Mendelson's books, Mama Never Cooked Like This, Let Me in the Kitchen, Nuts About Chocolate, Fresh Tarts and The Official Cookbook of Expo 86 are available at major bookstores.

A look at Jordan's king

Hussein's reign analyzed

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO — Jordan's King Hussein walks a delicate tightrope in keeping his crown, and maintaining control over the powderkeg of the Palestinians.

That was the general picture presented recently by Prof. Joseph Nevo, chairman of the department of Middle East History, Oranim School of Education; senior lecturer, department of Middle East History, Haifa University, and visiting professor at York University.

Sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Haifa University and held at Holy Blossom Temple, the lecture Nevo gave was a brief history and analysis of Hussein's reign.

"The personal history of King Hussein has had a tremendous impact on his political behavior, and the reality is far more than anyone could imagine," said Nevo.

His early life was filled with tragedy: his grandfather, King Abdullah, founder of the Hashemite kingdom and a father-figure to Hussein was assassinated in his grandson's arms; Hussein's father was placed in a mental hospital.

Hussein had a Western education at Victoria College in Alexandria, Egypt, and at Harrow and Sandhurst in England. He has been married four times, and has survived several attempts on his life, becoming one of the longest reigning monarchs.

Though he tried to maintain Western ties, said Nevo, Hussein became caught up in the Pan-Arabic nationalist fervor whipped up by Egypt's Nasser, and joined an inter-Arab defence alliance with Egypt and Syria.

But relations with his fellow Arabs deteriorated and with his country under threat by Iraq, Egypt and Syria, Hussein required the aid of British paratroops in 1958 for protection.

He was not rehabilitated in the eyes of his fellow Arabs, Nevo said, until the dissolution of the UAR (United Arab Republic) in 1961.

Again in 1966 Hussein was in hot water and was criticized in the Egyptian and Palestinian media over the split in the PLO.

"This period in my opinion had a tremendous effect on Hussein and explains why he was so tolerant of Palestinians again after the Six Day War," said Nevo.

But by 1970, Hussein could no longer tolerate the PLO state within his state and sent his army to crush them.

Hussein, said Nevo, inherited a vast territory from his grandfather and a large population of Palestinians which he sought to integrate without the Hashemites losing power.

"Such an integration could not take place so Hussein pursued the policy of his grandfather: a controlled integration in order to guarantee the supremacy of the Hashemite dynasty."

But at the same time, Nevo said, he considered Jordanians and Palestinians as members of the same people and of the same state.

Joseph Nevo

"This basic concept did not change even after the Six Day War and the loss of most of the West Bank. He continues to regard himself as someone who has a claim to the West Bank and demands its return."

So although Hussein was forced to accept the 1974 resolution passed in Rabat, Morocco proclaiming the PLO as sole representative of the Palestinians, "he has demonstrated that it is not viable."

Hussein has ensured that nothing can be done without his participation, said Nevo.

And after several years of anti-Palestinian policies in Jordan at his command, the other Arab states came to accept his claims, and the need for Jordanian participation in settling the Palestinian issue.

At the same time, Hussein realized that he had to make some concessions and become more flexible, said Nevo. This led him to propose a federation between the West and East Banks as a solution to the problem.

And although the proposal has been rejected by the other Arabs concerned, "I think we can still assume that this is Hussein's desire...he has no more Jordanian-Palestinian options, so he is probably still prepared to accept the federated option as the best way.

"He is ready to accept the PLO, but he would like an obedient PLO, willing to accept the federated scheme as the fulfilment of his nationalist aspirations."

As far as Israel is concerned, Hussein has been consistent in his stated willingness to trade peace for territories, said Nevo, adding that Hussein's insistence on return of all lands should be understood as an opening bargaining position.

When he talks about Palestinian rights to self-determination, he means beside Israel and not instead of Israel, Nevo said.

"But the major problem for Hussein is that he cannot enter into a separate negotiation with Israel. He needs backing.

"And he does not think it is very urgent to have peace with Israel. In many respects he prefers the present situation to any other.

"He has a foothold in the West Bank and Jordan enjoys the formal status (among Arabs) of being a front-line state. So in this situation he has the best of both worlds. But his only fear is that Israel will create a permanent situation. This is the only time factor he is not happy with."

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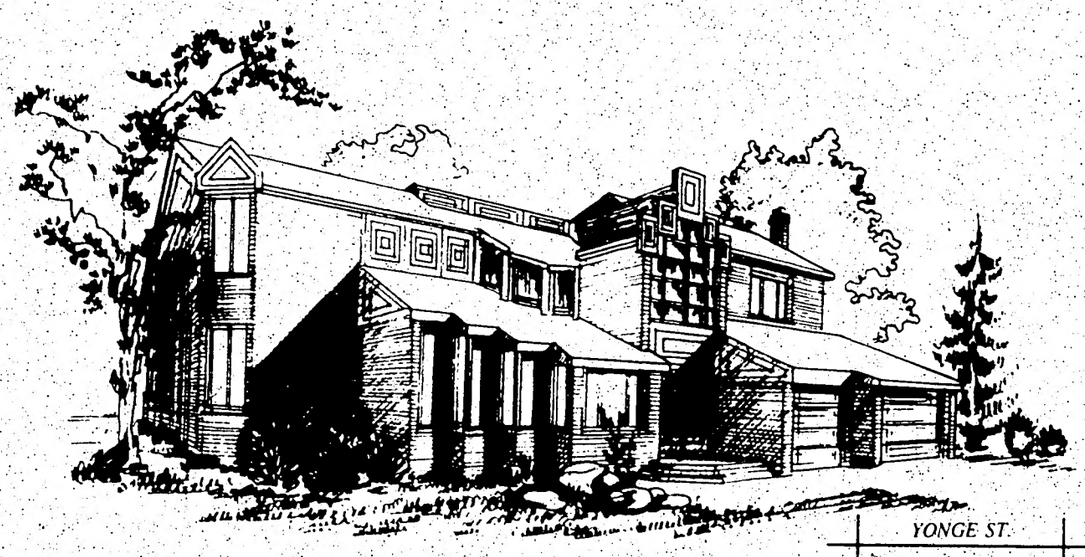

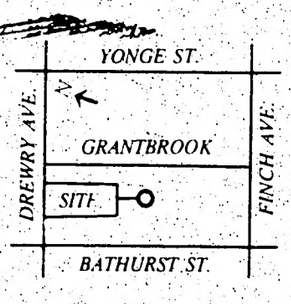

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